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Town council set for new faces

ALMOST half of Seaton Town Council will consist of new faces after the election, as five current members have decided to not stand again.

There are 12 seats on the council (one was vacant when the previous council closed), which means that 50 per cent of those elected will be new. Seaton will head to the polls on May 7th, following three weeks of campaigning by candidates.



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TO THE TOWN COUNCIL:
Mayor Gaynor Sedgwick



STANDING DOWN:
Councillor John Meakin

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The election nominations for district, town and parish councils were released on Friday, and also show that Seaton will have at least one new district councillor as Stephanie Jones (Con) will not go for re-election as a Seaton representative, instead fighting for a seat on Axminster Town Ward of the district council.

Town councillors not seeking re-election are: John Meakin (who was vice-chairman of the previous council, and is a long-serving councillor), Val Christmas, Mark Fisher, Sharon Bruce and Bob Palacio.

Those seeking re-election are: Gaynor Sedgwick, Peter Burrows, Heather Sanham, Dawn Squire, Kenneth Beer and Tony Woodman.

The 'fresh' challengers are: Andrew Bessford, Eric Bowman, Marcus Hartnell, John Macdougall, Ashley Mitchell, Martin Pigott, Simon Polloni and Richard Webster.

From a district council point of view, ten candidates are fighting for the three seats up for grabs.

Peter Burrows (Lib Dem) and Jim Knight (Con) are going for re-election – they will face Jenni Brown (Con), Mark Fisher (Lib Dem), Marcus Hartnell (Con), Stephen Lee (UKIP), Jeffrey Packman (Independent), Martin Shaw (Independent East Devon Alliance), Jonathan Underwood (Lib Dem) and John Walker (UKIP).



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Ospreys in Seaton

OSPREYS have stopped off in Seaton on their way north, and have proven popular with local birdwatchers. Ian Waite of Axe Vale & District Conservation Society said: "At this time of year ospreys are coming through the area as they migrate north from Africa to their breeding areas."

"Several have been seen over the Axe at Seaton and some birds, like this one, have stopped to do some fishing."

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Artist hits out at wave sculptures

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This sees a return to our South Somerset roots. Although born in Axminster, this newspaper's founder - George Pulman - set up the *Pulman's Weekly News and Advertiser* in Crewkerne in 1857.

Before that, Mr Pulman was editor of the now defunct *Yeovil Times* - so it really does feel as if Pulman's is "coming home".

Until this week, we have

been covering the news and views of Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster through our series of popular *Weekender* titles.

But we felt now was the time to bring South Somerset back into the *Pulman's* fold, where we can offer a bigger and better newspaper every week.

Regular *Weekender* readers can rest assured all of their favourites parts of the paper can be found in *Pulman's View*, along with new features and expanded property, local services and

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ing sec-
tions.

Everything you'd expect to find in our arts and entertainment section *Weekender Life* - and a whole lot more - is in our *View 2* leisure guide.

And, of course, Howard Larcombe's comprehensive coverage of the local sport scene remains in place.

So make sure you look out for your *Pulman's View* every Tuesday, across East Devon AND South Somerset.

JAMES COLES



HONITON EDDC: Cardboard recycling a 'priority'

COUNCIL bosses have reassured frustrated Honiton residents that a regular pick-up service for cardboard and mixed plastics will form part of its new recycling contract.

Steps are now being taken to resolve Honiton's recycling crisis, but it's likely to be a year before a long-term solution can be reached.

East Devon District Council currently provides no kerbside pick-up service for cardboard and mixed plastics - and the lack of commercial facilities in Honiton means residents are being forced out of the town to do their recycling.

But EDDC says a permanent solution to the problem will form part of its new recycling and waste services contract.

CREWKERNE

Tories to boycott town council election

CREWKERNE Conservatives have announced a boycott of the town council elections.

The party won't field a single candidate for the May 7th poll, saying the town council is "politicised".

The 12 seats will be contested by 25 candidates, but not one will be Conservative.

Crewkerne & Mertonton Conservative chairman Peter Chard issued a statement saying: "The Conservative Party in Crewkerne has taken the decision not to field candidates for the forthcoming town council election.

"Unlike many parish councils, Crewkerne Town Council is politicised and the council has for too long made decisions on party lines that have not always been in the best interests of the town.

OTTERY ST MARY Councillor labels colleagues 'reckless'

AN OTTERY councillor has accused his district colleagues of "recklessness" over the authority's controversial relocation project.

Councillor Roger Giles, a representative for Ottery, blasted fellow members of East Devon District Council for backing plans to move their offices away from Knowle, in Sidmouth.

A deal has now been done to relocate the council's headquarters to Honiton, with a secondary office at Exmouth Town Hall.

But Councillor Giles, a determined critic of the entire process, refused to let the issue lie during a town council meeting last week.

He said members had made a "shocking" decision to press ahead with the project, despite a number of "unresolved" issues.

"The Liberal Democrats have been the dominant party for over 20 years and during that time councillors have taken on responsibility for amenities that they are not legally obliged to provide and have doubled the number of staff employed to administer these assets.



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COLYTON & COLYFORD Car hits tram on A3052 level crossing

SEATON Tramway has warned drivers about the importance of level crossing safety after a car crashed into a tram in Colyford last Tuesday having failed to stop at a red light.

The tramway's chief executive, Jenny Nunn, has put the A3052 level crossing crash down to the actions of the motorist, driving a Vauxhall Corsa, which she said had "serious consequences".

The driver has since been reported for driving without due care and attention.

The incident occurred at about 3:40pm last Tuesday, causing long tail-backs during heavy Easter holiday traffic and significant damage to one of the popular tourist attraction's double-decker trams. Police closed the road at the Harepath Road junction in Colyford and Boshill Cross.

The driver of the Corsa and one passenger of the tram sustained minor injuries.

Mrs Nunn said: "Although the incident caused a long delay to both passengers and motorists that afternoon, I am thankful that no one was seriously injured.

"The actions of the motorist failing to stop at the crossing lights had serious consequences and resulted in disruption for many travelling on the tramway on what should have been a pleasant afternoon's trip, as well as to motorists using the A3052 at Colyford."

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Local artist blasts sculpture design

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A LOCAL artist has blasted the decision to go ahead with plans for controversial sculptured waves and pillars at Fisherman's Gap.

The final hurdle was climbed when the matter returned to East Devon District Council's (EDDC) Development Management Committee on March 31st, having been deferred for further consultation earlier in the year.

But Seaton-based artist Rich Webster said: "In short, they are terrible as art, as street furniture and as decoration. I have always made a positive objection to the plans, offering alternative possibilities rather than just objection.

"I put these on to paper and offered them at the apparent consultation, where I was told no other plans could be considered at this late stage.

"As a professional, well qualified, working artist who has spent three years as a curator for art in the landscape projects in Cumbria and now a resident of Seaton, I feel that I am in a good position to comment on the wave sculptures planned for Fisherman's Gap.

"In 13 of the crimes a suspect has been identified and one individual, a 22 year old male, is a suspect for six of the crimes.

"He has since moved away from the area."

The reported offences include actual bodily harm, theft, criminal damage, breach of an ASBO, harassment, criminal damage and indecent exposure.

PC Spearitt added: "If you have any information on crimes, please get in touch with Seaton Police Station on 101, by e-mail at seaton@devon-and-cornwall.pnn.police.uk or you can call crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

He is not the only one to object. During the planning process many concerns were raised, including that the sculptures would block a lovely view.

Some people called the proposal a monstrosity, with town councillor Tony Woodman describing it as "something from Disneyland".

Members of the Development Management Committee were well aware these opinions, and deferred the matter for further consultation.

EDDC, which is both applicant and planning authority, staged a consultation day and, as reported last week, said the majority of those responding were in favour of the project.

After the final decision, EDDC issued a statement saying: "It will form one of a series of local meeting and information points to promote and inform the public about Seaton Jurassic.

"The other information points will be at Axmouth Harbour, on the wetlands and at Seaton Hole.

"Their purpose is to extend the reach of the centre into the town and along the Jurassic Coast and are key to reaping the benefits of Seaton Jurassic by increasing footfall in the town, on the coast and in the Axe Estuary.

"The Environment Agency has no objection to the structure although formal Flood Defence Consent will be required before any work commences.

"Following an earlier meeting of the Development Management Committee, EDDC officers have discussed the design of the waves with Seaton Town Council's consultant working on the overall seafront enhancement proposals.

"In addition, a consultation was held on Saturday, February 28th during the artisan market in the town.

"Visitors were asked for their views on the proposed waves sculpture with 82 per cent of those asked (more than 200) liking the design."



■ THE FUTURE | An artist's impression of the proposal

Beer news in brief

THREE members of Beer Parish have announced they will not be standing for re-election next month.

Councillors Trevor Wood, Eric Couzens and Jean Davies all confirmed they are stepping down and following the recent departure of Matthew Leighton-Fry it means the council has a shortfall of four members.

BEER Film Society's next film will be the highly popular Paddington starring Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey) and Ben Wishaw (Skyfall).

The film will be shown on Monday, April 20th at the Steamers Restaurant with the doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets will be on sale to guests on the door.

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ST MICHAEL'S Church will be holding a coffee morning at the Mariners' Hall on Saturday, April 25th (10am-12noon).

★★★

SGT Andy Squires told Beer Parish Council that he was confident that local neighbourhood officer PC Steve Spearitt will be replaced when he retires in June.

"We have an interested person who lives locally and wants to replace Steve so that is good news," said Sergeant Squires, who is the Neighbourhood Team Leader for Sidmouth Town and Rural and Seaton Town and Rural.

★★★

PLANS to install a shower close to the existing cold water tap on the east side of Beer beach will go ahead but with modifications on its location after negotiations with a concession owner who was concerned about the impact on customers using his beach huts.

Parliamentary candidates for Pulman's Country revealed

EAST DEVON (including Sidmouth & Ottery St Mary)

IN EAST Devon, there are candidates from four of the main political parties as well as an independent vying for the seat.

Incumbent Conservative MP Hugo Swire remains the favourite to hold on to the constituency, despite a strong challenge from the other hopefuls.



■ Andrew Chapman (UKIP)



■ Stuart Mole (Liberal Democrats)



■ Hugo Swire (Conservative)



■ Stephen Race (Labour)



■ Claire Wright (Independent)

Voters will have a choice of five candidates when they go to the polls on May 7th, following three weeks of campaigning.

Ottery St Mary resident Andrew Chapman is standing as the UKIP candidate, while Exmouth's Stuart Mole is representing the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Swire, MP for East Devon since 2001, will also defend his 9,000 majority against Labour's Stephen Race and independent candidate Claire Wright.

A number of hustings events are planned in the final few weeks of the campaign, as months of preparation finally come to a head.



■ UP FOR THE FIGHT: Caroline Kolek (Labour), Stephen Kearney (Liberal Democrats), Paul Edwards (Green), Neil Parish (Conservative), Graham Smith (UKIP) and moderator Carol Manley at the hustings in Seaton

YEOVIL (including Crewkerne, Chard & Ilminster)

THE five candidates hoping to win the Yeovil constituency seat will be pitted against each other at at least two hustings events.

At the time of going to press, hustings in Yeovil and Crewkerne had been announced.

David Laws (Lib Dem) hopes to retain his seat by defeating Marcus Fysh (Con), Sheena King (Lab), Simon Smedley (UKIP) and Emily McIvor (Green Party).

The Crewkerne hustings will take place at Wadham School on Thursday, April 30th, starting at 7pm.

One of the organisers, Pippa Smith, said: "This is an any ques-

tions-style meeting where you can question candidates about a wide range of issues, local and national, and hear them talk about their values, why they want to be a Member of Parliament and what they would seek to do if elected."

The churches in Yeovil have organised

a hustings involving all five candidates on Tuesday, May 5th at Yeovil Community Church at The Gateway in Addlewell Lane, Yeovil.

The debate will start at 7:30pm, but anyone wanting to put a question forward must arrive by 7pm.

A spokesman for the

organisers said: "The hustings is a chance for the candidates to put forward their vision, and to hear them answer and debate questions posed by members of the audience. "All are welcome at this unique opportunity to engage with our election candidates."

■ POLLING stations across Pulman's Country will be open from 7am to 10pm on May 7th, with thousands expected to turn out and cast their votes.



■ Marcus Fysh (Conservatives)



■ Sheena King (Labour)

CAMPAIGNING for the Tiverton and Honiton parliamentary seat is in full swing.

The final list of candidates was published last Friday, and the five candidates had an extremely busy day as they attended hustings

in both Honiton and Seaton.

Caroline Kolek (Lab), Stephen Kearney (Lib Dem), Paul Edwards (Green Party), Neil Parish (Con) and Graham Smith (UKIP) all hope to win the seat.

The political make-up

of the candidates is exactly the same as in the 2010 General Election, although four of the candidates are new.

The remaining one, Neil Parish, hopes to retain the seat he won in 2010, when he gained 27,614 votes,

followed by then Lib Dem candidate Jon Underwood on 18,294.

In 2010, Labour (Veron Whitlock) was third on 4,907, followed by UKIP (Daryl Stanbury) on 3,277 and Green Party (Cathy Connor) on 802.

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Canoe record for local GP

AXMINSTER GP Barry McKenna will raise more than £2,000 for counseling charity ARC from his Devises to Westminster International Canoe Marathon participation, which resulted in a personal best.

As previously reported, it was the seventh time on

■ STAYING AFLOAT: Dr Barry McKenna and Gary Wakley



the trot that he and paddling partner Gary Wakley took part.

The race has been held annually during Easter weekend since 1948, and has 77 portages (where vessels are carried around an obstacle in water or overland between waterways) along its 125 miles.

Messrs McKenna and Wakley completed it in 21 hours and 49 minutes, beating their previous best time of 22 hours and two minutes – and finishing 25th overall in a field of 170 teams.

The keys to success were a determination to enjoy the challenge and avoid mishaps.

Last year, for example, Dr McKenna failed to duck and was knocked into the water when hit by a bridge.

He said: "I managed to stay in the boat all the time, which is an improvement."

He did suffer a bout of seasickness, though, which surprised him.

The problem wouldn't go away, so they had to run along the river for about a mile instead of paddling through it to shake off the sickness.

Through sponsorship he has so far raised £2,000 for ARC, of which he is the chairman.

ARC was formed in 2007 by psychotherapist Catherine Davies. It is an independent body but integrated with the NHS mental health structure and referrals are made through Axminster Medical Practice. All ARC counsellors and therapists are on the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy register.

Dr McKenna said: "People have been very generous, a big thank you to everyone."

He also praised the race support crew, which consisted of friends and family of him and team-mate Gary.

The initial plan of having two support crews was thwarted by illness.

Donations can still be made at Axminster Medical Practice, the ARC shop or online through a link at www.arcaxminster.org



■ CONCERN: Miss Raymond explains the problem

Open meeting over A35 blackspot

A road safety campaigner, keen for a solution to the A35 Hunters Lodge accident blackspot junction, is staging an open meeting with Conservative parliamentary candidate Neil Parish.

Joy Raymond, who has lived near the accident blackspot since 1999, has been a keen campaigner throughout.

The Highways Agency has ruled out installing traffic lights at the notorious junction, instead recommending vehicle-activated signs warning when vehicles are to exit out of either of the side roads, along with an extra refuge and better road markings. This was announced in December last year, but not very much has happened since.

Miss Raymond is keen for action, and said: "Discussions intensified last year, but all we have had is a speed camera sign coming up briefly before coming down again."

She is aware that Mr Parish's presence at the meeting could be seen as election propaganda as he is seeking re-election as MP for Tiverton and Honiton Constituency.

But she explained: "This transcends politics. This is so important when we invite so many people [tourists] to our area."

"We have a duty of care to these people."

And Mr Parish is no stranger to the issue, having attended several public meetings and discussions with The Highways Agency since winning the seat in 2010.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday April 15th, starting at 3pm at Goodlands, next to the junction.

The venue will be signposted on the day and Miss Raymond would like those planning to attend to let her know in advance on 01297 32036.

Petrol station accident

A FEMALE was airlifted to hospital with fractures to both legs after what appears to have been a freak accident at a petrol station in Axminster.

The ambulance service was called to the Tesco filling station in Axminster at 11.20pm on Saturday, April 11th.

According to the ambulance service, it appears that the driver of the car was checking the tyre pressure when, for some reason, the car jolted back and hit the woman.

She was airlifted to hospital in Exeter.

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News briefs

Free blood pressure checks

AXMINSTER Rotarians and town crier Nick Goodwin will be out in force to invite members of the public to a free blood pressure check.

Rotarians regularly arranges these checks, which will this year be undertaken in The Minister with the help of St John Ambulance.

The date is Thursday April 16th, and the checks are available between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Make and munch

HEALTH and Local Food For Families (HALFF) in Axminster promises a good time when preparing and eating simple but delicious food at make and munch sessions.

The popular sessions started in February and local parents and carers are encouraged to come along and enjoy cooking with their children.

The sessions cover a different topic each time and next week will be cooking nutritious breakfasts, especially looking at ways eggs can be used for a good start to the day. This is on Wednesday, April 15th from 10.30am to 12.30pm at The Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book your free place call 01297 631782 or contact Ros at admin@half.org.uk.



Market Day coffees for Marie Curie

MARKET Day usually means a coffee morning in Church Rooms in Axminster, and Thursday April 9th was no exception.

The premises were taken over by the local Marie Curie Cancer Care fundraising branch, which did not disappoint as members served hot drinks, cakes and also sold raffle tickets.

Photographed are Miranda Tinkler, Sandy Sinclair, Wendy Thorn, Steve Thorn and David Curtis before their shift started.

Did you see burglary from A35 tailback?

POLICE are hoping that motorists in a tailback on the A35 can help them find some burglars.

A burglary occurred at Hunters Croft Bed & Breakfast on Charmouth Road, near Hunters' Lodge, Axminster, at some point between 3.15pm and 5.45pm on Easter Monday, April 6th.

Cash was been taken from the property and police are hoping that someone witnessed the break-in, or saw something suspicious.

Detective Constable Matthew Burnell, said: "At the time the A35 was closed

which meant that the queue of bank holiday traffic tailed back past the affected address.

"We are hoping that someone witnessed this burglary, or someone leaving the addresses later in the afternoon. We know that the B&B was empty and had no guests at the time."

A force spokesperson added: "The property is located on the A35 at a point where the road was closed causing long tailbacks.

"Police are asking anyone who may have been sat in that queue of traffic and witnessed any suspicious activity to please call 101, quoting log 573."

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Golf club looks forward after new owners' £60k investment

SEVEN months and £60,000 later, Axe Cliff Golf Club is back on its feet and looking forward with optimism.

Jill and Simon Wellington had just joined the club when it came near to closure last year, and they ended up as the new leaseholders.

They both say there is a lot more work to do, but things are moving in the right direction.

It was last September they agreed an eight-year lease with the Loveridge Family and Binden Estate.

They prefer to be known as heads of a co-operative rather than leaseholders – and are full of praise for the volunteer work put in by members and others associated with the club.

"They have all done sterling work. We couldn't have done it without them," Jill said.

Long-standing member Geoff Hughes immedi-

ately reciprocated and praised the couple's efforts, adding: "They've given members confidence."

Jill and Simon, who don't take salaries, have ploughed about £60,000 into the club to get it up to standard.

Whilst golf will always be what the club is about, they hope to attract not only golfers.

Simon said: "It's more like a social centre. We had a christening here recently, for example, and every function we put on is buzzing."

When asked where he hopes the club will be in five years' time, he said: "We would like to be in a position where we can pay someone to take on our roles."

"It is a full-time job for us. We would like to sit back and just enjoy our golf."

Axe Cliff Golf Club relies a lot on voluntary efforts but does employ five people full-time – two green keepers and three bar staff.

Membership stands at about 150, but Simon says the aim is about 200 to break even.

He is cautiously optimistic and said: "We are getting a steady trickle of new members and we are also getting professionals asking to be pros here.

"We are shocked at the level of interest."

The club started in 1894 and currently shares three pros with Sidmouth Golf Club.



■ LOOKING TO THE FUTURE | Jill and Simon Wellington

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Plea for action over Beer 'black spot'

by Kevin Fahey

'AN accident waiting to happen' – that is the growing fear for a key road junction on the way into Beer.

The sharp corner at the bottom of Beer New Road where it intersects with Court Barton Hill and the Causeway is the trouble spot referred to and has already witnessed many shunts and bumps over the year.

But local residents are concerned that it's only a matter of time before a really bad accident happens and expressed that fear to members of the Beer Parish Council at their recent surgery held during the Royal British Legion coffee morning in the Mariners' Hall.

"One of the issues that cropped up at the surgery was that the 'Give Way' sign on the Causeway should be replaced by a 'Stop' sign because drivers don't realise that they should stop," said councillor Trevor Wood.

"People thought it was an accident waiting to happen."

At present there is a 'Stop' sign at the bottom of Court

left up Court Barton Hill to reach the A3052 or sweeping round and continuing towards Seaton.

Councillor Wood said the issue was also raised during the surgery as to whether a 20 miles an hour speed limit could be enforced throughout the village in a bid to slow down traffic.

The council agreed to discuss the options available with Jim Knight, who represents Seaton Coastal on Devon County Council.



■ ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN? | The corner at the bottom of New Beer Road

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Buffs boost for Alzheimer's charity

THE campaign to find a cure for dementia was given a boost this week as the Beer branch of the R.A.O.B of Beer (Buffs) handed over a cheque for

£1,200, writes **KEVIN FAHEY**.

Dania Shaw, who is the community fundraiser of South West for the Alzheimer's Society,

travelled up from Falmouth to receive the donation at the Beer Social Club on Wednesday. "A big donation like this represents a great

start to the year," said Mrs Shaw.

"Currently 850,000 people in the UK suffer from dementia and that is set to rise to one mil-

lion by 2021 and our vision is to rid the World of dementia. The money from the Buffs is fantastic."

The money was raised by the Brothers of the Rattenbury Lodge during 2014 and included £400 donated by the Axe Valley Runners for the Buffalos helping as marshals during the Grizzly race.

"We have helped lots of local South West charities but decided we also wanted to help one big national charity every year and we are delighted to hand over a cheque to the Alzheimer's Society," said Rob Abbott.

The Lodge's charity for 2015 will be the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Meditation group returns

SEATON Mindfulness Meditation Group will restart weekly meetings on Friday (April 17th) in the Citizens' Advice office in Fore Street.

Organiser Roger Upright said: "The evening consists of a period of meditation, trying to quiet your mind and ease the stress of everyday life."

"The amount of time you sit depends entirely on your experience of meditation and everyone is welcome whatever level you are at."

"We then have a talk about whatever arose during your quiet time and how you feel about it."

"We meet at 7pm and usually finish around 8.30pm. There isn't a charge for this, but we ask for a donation to the Citizens' Advice towards their running costs."

More information is available from Mr Upright on 01297 24012.



CHEQUE THIS OUT | Tania Shaw (centre) receives the cheque from Les Andrews and Rob Abbott surrounded by their fellow brothers

Celebrations for Beer WI

BEER WI is celebrating a superb victory in the Devon Federation county quiz.

The quartet of Isabella Baldwin, Val Bates, Chris Jones and Jenny Eagles raised their game for the finals in Longdown, near Exeter, after finishing runners-up in their regional heat.

"Having come second we were looking forward to the challenge of putting our brains to the test against WI teams from across the county," said spokeswoman Jenny Eagles.

"These were teams which, like us, had either won

or come second in regional quizzes, so all worthy opponents."

Over ten searching rounds the Beer WI women demonstrated their knowledge and kept their nerve to lift the trophy by a single point.

"It was a closely fought competition and only two points separated the top three teams," added Mrs Eagles.

"Although we're extremely proud of ourselves we would like to congratulate all the other teams taking part, and to say thank you to the organisers."

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Wine tasting at AGM of Colyton gardeners

AFTER Colyton & District Garden Society's AGM in March, there was a scintillating talk by Rob Corbett of Castlewood Vineyard in Musbury with the opportunity to taste some of his delicious non-vintage sparkling wine.

The next lecture, on Wednesday 15 April, will be at Colyton Peace Memorial Hall. Jenny Short from JS Garden Designs in Lyme will be talking on 'Rug, Cushions and Carpets', all about ground cover and deterring weeds.

Jenny is well known to the Society and this promises to be a good session.

She trained originally as a ceramics sculptor and has been designing gardens for over 20 years.

Please remember the annual Plant Sale as you are splitting plants in your garden – or even sowing new ones.

Every little bit will help on 30 May at Colyton Town Hall.

Danish visitors studying West Country arts

KIRSTINE Aabel and Freja Rieper-Holm are among a group of Danish students on a visit to the west country in the course of their study project Culture, Art and Traditions.

The project involves all aspects of the arts and their trip includes visits to Lyme Regis and Dorchester. Kirstine and Freja researched local art societies whilst still in Denmark and chose to attend one of Axminster Art Society's demonstration meetings.

Their advance planning meant

that members of the Art Society were able to meet them and bring them to the meeting and participate in the recorded interview they conducted as part of the project.

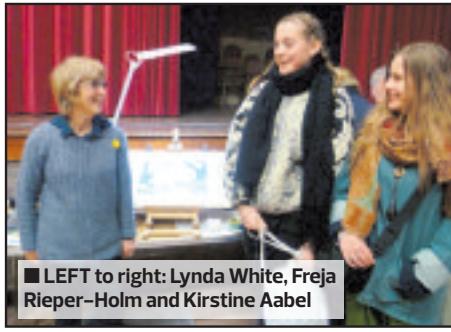
They could not have chosen a more popular demonstrator; on Wednesday 18th March local artist Lynda White demonstrated the vibrant use of watercolours under the title Don't be Afraid of the Dark.

Lynda started by showing the work of artists, past and present, who enliven their work by strong

use of dark colours.

She then completed, in just over an hour, a landscape which brought to life the strong contrast of the dark trees against the inviting brightness of the sunlit path beyond, leading the eye through the picture.

Lynda will be running a workshop based on the demonstration on 18th April, which is open to visitors. See the Society's website at www.axminster-artsociety.org.uk for further details and to book on line.



■ LEFT to right: Lynda White, Freja Rieper-Holm and Kirstine Aabel

Scrimshaw at April's Axminster Probus

THE sailors' art of Scrimshaw is well known. Less well known is the importance of bone carving to the Maori of New Zealand. For millennia they have been producing bone carvings which are works of art in their own right.

Victor Papai is a Hungarian whose links to New Zealand have inspired him to follow in the footsteps of the native carvers and in his talk to Axminster Probus Club at its April meeting he demonstrated his own considerable skill.

Each bone choice has spiritual significance, every detail a meaning. Bone from the ox is preferred

with horse being a close second though sheep has been used and whalebone. One proud owner of a headed walking stick had used his own hip bone!

Jade is used for the most expensive items but its hardness makes it difficult to carve. Before the advent of modern tools it could take many months to fashion articles using only flint tools; even now it is a long and laborious process and so commands high prices.

A surprising fact emerged from the talk in that the Maori is intensely jealous of what he considers is his inalienable spiritual

property and makes his feelings known when Westerners copy these designs. It was necessary for Victor to have permission from a tribal elder to do his own carving, the beauty and intricacy of which has to be seen to be appreciated.

The Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington on the first Tuesday of each month. Prospective members are always welcome. For further information ring 01460 220528.

edgeable John Stuart.

John described the history of the Park from when it was a Royal Hunting Forest, through the various owners to the time when it was taken over by the National Trust and also explained the archaeological structure of the land and the vegetation it supported. He screened many photographs he had taken of the varied landscape of valleys, rolling hills and soaring cliff headlands and conveyed his love and knowledge of Exmoor, which is undoubtedly an area much favoured by walkers and photographers.

The next meeting of Seaton and District Men's Probus Club will be on Wednesday, 15 April, at 10.00am at St. Gregory's Church Centre when Dale Johnson will talk on 'The Home Guard'. Dale will be driving to the meeting in uniform in his 1933 Austin 7 Home Guard van. The Club is confident that an entertaining talk is in prospect as Dale was their knowledgeable guide when they visited the Bovington Tank Museum last year – anyone who might have an interest is welcome to attend. Please ring Keith West on 01297 624374 for further information or visit www.seatonprobus.co.uk.

Honiton U3A Open Showcase

THE 'Open Showcase' held by The Honiton University of the Third Age at the Beehive Centre, Honiton in March was deemed a great success.

The purpose of the free-entry afternoon was to 'Showcase' all the current interest groups (over 30) and the events that are due to take place in the coming year and to highlight how much the Honiton U3A has to offer its members. This was done with a mixture of live performances from the Play Reading and French groups together with static displays that included both written and illustrated information. Each Group Leader was also available to answer any questions that might be raised.

With the new membership year just beginning in April the U3A were delighted with the interest that was shown with over 120 people attending.

Email your club reports to Francesca Evans at francesca@pemedia.co.uk

Slimming World

SLIMMING World Consultants in East Devon have won glittering awards for their dazzling efforts in helping people in Honiton and Sidmouth to lose weight.

Sharon Grove who runs Honiton Slimming World has collected a Diamond Award from the company for inspiring dozens of people in the local community to start losing weight and improve their health.

The accolade sees Sharon, who lost 5st with Slimming World herself, become a Diamond Consultant. The award is given to all Consultants in the UK and Ireland who welcome 60 new members to their group in one month.

Also, Cara Shepherd has won a sparkling silver award for the exceptional work she does in helping more than 100 people in the Sidmouth area to lose weight every week.

Cara, who runs the Sidmouth Slimming World groups, has been given the 'Silver' status by the national slimming club because of her success in supporting local slimmers to reach their dream weight, improve their health and change their lives. The accolade is awarded to Consultants who have 100 members or more in their group come back week after week because they're losing weight beautifully and wouldn't miss their weekly group for anything.

She says: "Lots of people want to lose weight but they don't know how or where to turn for help. Often people have tried losing weight before, either on their own or by following other diets, and failed. But it isn't them who failed it's the programme that failed them, either because the diet was too strict and impossible to sustain for more than a few days or because the support just wasn't there. This leaves people thinking that they can't do it – that they'll never succeed with any diet – but at Slimming World they really can take control of their weight once and for all."

She says: "I am delighted to have received the

'Silver' award for the group. I feel passionately about helping people to transform their lives by losing weight in the same way that I did when I lost 5st with Slimming World. Losing weight made me feel happier and healthier and gave me so much more confidence. Seeing the members in my groups – mums, dads, grandmas and young people too – reach their target weight is so rewarding and receiving this award is just the icing on the cake.

With regards to her Diamond Award Sharon says "I know these 60 new members will be successful. Slimming World's Food Optimising plan isn't a diet, it's too generous to be called a diet. It helps people make small, easy changes to the way they shop, cook and eat so they make healthier choices and lose weight without ever going hungry or ever feeling like they're missing out. And each week in group we make sure everyone's motivated for the week ahead. We share new recipes, advice and ideas for coping with challenges – and we have loads of fun! I know from my own experience that it can be nerve-wracking to walk into a group for the first time but I can assure people that there's no judgment, just respect and care. Every single person in the room has been there themselves, everyone understands exactly how it feels and everyone's welcome at our group."

We are helping more and more members weekly than ever before, so much so that another one of our consultants, Dawn Carter, is about to launch a second session at her Ottery St Mary Primary School Monday evening group. A new 5.30pm session will be starting on Monday 13th April.

If you'd like to shine like Diamond Consultant Sharon, and Silver Consultant, Cara or visit Dawn in her new session just visit the groups, which meet every week, or to find out more visit www.slimmingworld.com or call Sharon on 07963337178.

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Shute Festival helps keep church open

'AMAZING' and 'Beautiful' – just two of the comments in the visitors book at Shute Church over the Easter weekend.

Thanks to the generous gifts of flowers from the

local community and the hard work of the band of helpers on Saturday, the church looked truly wonderful and was filled with the scent of spring flowers. Visitors remarked that they had never seen so many daffodils and that there couldn't be one left growing in East Devon!

The event raised just over £670 to help keep the church open. The church will also benefit from gifts of flowers in pots which will be planted in the churchyard to bloom every spring.

The organisers wish to thank everyone who helped make the weekend such a success, whether by giving flowers or foliage, helping decorate the church, making cakes, serving teas, helping with the clearing up – or in some cases all of the above – with special thanks to: Millers Farm Shop of Kilmington, Just Flowers of Seaton, Cedars Nest Nursery of Shute and SAK Logistic of Shute.

The winners for each competition were; Stephen, Tyler, Katie, Toby, Phoebe and Jack – well done to all the children who entered.

Art show in Hawkchurch

VISITORS to Fairwater Head Hotel, Hawkchurch, can enjoy a free art exhibition from husband and wife team Kevin and Anne Townsend for the next two months.

This talented couple are well known in East Devon for their varied range of artwork. Anne likes to experiment with different mediums painting pet portraits, landscapes and sea scenes as well as producing very individual ceramic figures. Kevin concentrates on what is known as Giclee printing, box canvases and photography as well as making picture frames.

The exhibition runs until mid-June. For more details, call the hotel on 01297 678349 or email info@fairwaterheadhotel.co.uk

'Walk this way' in Chardstock

CHARDSTOCK will be the scene of a walk marking East Devon Walk This Way Celebration Week (April 13th-19th).

East Devon Walk This Way is a concept in East Devon encouraging people of all ages – including those with health and mobility problems, and those recovering from illness – to walk for their health.

Walks are regularly organised in a number of locations, but the celebratory walk will start at George Inn in Chardstock at 10.15am on Friday April 17th.

Walk co-ordinator Andrew Dare of LED Leisure said: "The aim of the celebration week is to announce support and funding from Devon County Council to Active Devon and partners to develop Walking for Health across the county.

"There will be a short speech followed by a 30-60-minute walk and the opportunity to network and chat with volunteers and walkers, with refreshments provided afterwards.

"To confirm your attendance or for further details, please contact me on 01395 562516 or adare@ledleisure.co.uk."



Eggs roll in Membury

PUPILS at Membury Primary School had a cracking time during the annual egg rolling event. Their eggs had been hard-boiled at home and decorated for the Best Looking Egg competition, which was won by Kaci. Children from each year group then

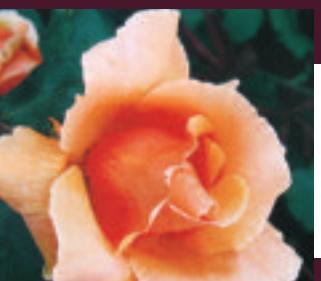
rolled their eggs down the hill by the side of the church, followed by the Egg-Off between the winners from each year group, won by Tuscan. Parents and members of the community then followed suit by rolling their eggs down the hill too.

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Still work to be done for the benefit of Sidmouth

■ FOLLOWING last week's rushed decisions on the draft Local Plan and the East Devon District Council relocation, important work remains to be done for the benefit of Sidmouth and East Devon.

The incumbent councillors have tried hard to justify themselves and some have posed for nice pictures on the beach. But their results over the last four years are lamentable, not just on the Knowle but on other key issues such as the Beach Management Plan and supporting the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the town.

Questions must be asked during the Local Plan consultation and hearing process about the housing numbers and development sites chosen; proper consultation is needed with the residents and business

community of Sidmouth for the plans for Port Royal; the town would benefit from producing a Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible; the Beach Management Plan must be delivered with full involvement of local councillors; actual work needs to be done to boost tourism with a district councillor who is committed to action, among other things.

All these points will be addressed by independent district councillors if elected to East Devon District Council by concerned residents.

DR CATHY GARDNER and DAWN MANLEY, Independent East Devon Alliance candidates for Sidmouth Town and Sidmouth Sidford wards

Disappointed in Honiton councillors

■ ON April 2nd I attended, as a member of the public, an extraordinary meeting of Honiton Town Council when it met to discuss numerous emails which had come to light when it was providing evidence for the South West Audit Partnership's audit recently undertaken with regard to governance of The Beehive.

This letter is not about what was resolved at that meeting – that will be published in Honiton Town Council's minutes.

I write to express my dismay, disappointment and shame that many councillors chose to not attend the meeting. Of a possible 16 currently serving councillors, only nine turned up. They could

not all have been on holiday!

When our councillors are required to address an issue which may be controversial or distasteful they have a responsibility to their electors to show courage, address the matter and let their views be known, not to bury their heads in the sand and hope it will all go away.

I applaud our deputy mayor's integrity for bringing this worrying matter to public attention.

Once again, I am ashamed of (some of) our town councillors. They know who they are.

JILL MCNALLY, Honiton

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Why do dog owners think they're above the law?

■ I LIVE in Axminster and have had a running discussion, that invariably turns into an argument, with dog owners over the last year or so.

Most owners seem to have no control over their dogs, letting them run wild, jumping up at people and ruining those people's clothes with muddy feet, pooping everywhere and not picking it up as all the signs request or demand; at Seaton not bothering to put the dogs on leads in spite of signs telling them "Dogs to be kept on lead" along part of the promenade; and in Axminster the same notice is ignored on the walk to Weycroft, and some law abiding owner has now shattered the signs on the two gates that had them.

The number of times that, when pointing out the signs or un-controlled and nuisance behaviour, I've been told that the signs don't apply to their dog or just been given a dirty look and ignored, culminating today in being told that nobody likes me and that I should go back from where I come from as "they" don't want me in Devon, I don't belong and then was threatened with being beaten up. My crime? Telling a dog to get away from me.

And if you dare presume to say to someone that their dog isn't perfect, or in dire need of training, then sit back and wait for the explosion! As I have said above, today I was told to go back from where I came from; peurile certainly, but reminiscent of racism, anti-semitism and homophobia all wrapped up in one phrase.

Thanks for a memorable send off into retirement

■ MAY I take this opportunity to thank all the many, many clients who came along to say farewell to me on my final day at our Seaton surgery when I fully retired after completing nearly 33 years of work at Coombefield Veterinary Hospital.

I was totally overwhelmed by all your kind gifts, cards, appreciations and good wishes for which I thank you all most gratefully, and I do apologise to anybody that circumstances have meant I have not been able to write to personally. You all helped to create the most memorable and happy end to my veteri-

"It's a puppy", or "it's young" or it's "being friendly" are all used as an excuse for bad behaviour and no responsibility taken for damage caused. The dogs aren't trained, which is the owner's fault, and I have seen a child knocked down by a dog, and the excuse "it's only being friendly" used whilst the child was scratched, bleeding and terrified. The owner just walked away.

I have had two dogs in my life and both were trained at a dog training school and knew how to behave themselves. There is no excuse for bad behaviour, including those dogs that bark all day and most of the night, left by their owners who are too busy at work to give adequate care and attention.

I think it's about time we had a dog leash law here. I hold America as no standard for behaviour apart from the fact that they do have a dog leash/control law, that makes owners totally responsible for all that their dog does in public.

I don't know why the dog owner's think they are above the law or standards of civilised behaviour, but they would be the first to complain if I went to the toilet in their garden, or rushed up and put my muddy hands on their clothes, or pushed them over. Yet they think that's fine for them and their dog/s.

Yours in disgust,

**I. MARTIN,
Axminster**

nary career, a special day that I shall never forget.

It has been an absolute privilege and pleasure to have spent most of my career here in this lovely area, working with so many wonderful clients and their delightful animals and I thank you all for the friendship, fun and laughs that we have shared over the years.

I shall not forget you all, whether you have either two or four legs!

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■ RETIREMENT PARTY: From left, Ursula Makepeace, George Bastone and his daughter Fiona Peters

Horicultural society pays tribute to retiring stalwart

WITH George Bastone approaching his 95th birthday he decided it was time to cut back on his commitments so he has stepped down from the committee of Beer Horticultural Society.

As a member of the committee and also long-standing chairman and then president since he returned from service with the Devonshire regiment in Burma after the end of World War II, Mr Bastone has been an integral part of the BHS's success story.

"Gardening is in my blood," said Mr Bastone, who was born and bred in the village while his father, Charles, used to run a nursery and shop in Clap's Lane.

The BHS didn't let the occasion go unmarked as they arranged a special party at the Dolphin Hotel to celebrate his remarkable achievements and present

him with a David Austin Celebration Rose.

"This is a really nice surprise and I don't know where all the people came from!" added Mr Bastone.

"I have really enjoyed my time and I was very proud when Beer won the Britain in Bloom gold medal last year. I think the flowers in the village are getting better and better every year."

Current chairwoman Ursula Makepeace took over from Mr Bastone in 1995 and said his support had been invaluable.

"George has always been happy to give advice and help me and moreover is such a nice guy," said Mrs Makepeace.

"But he has now been appointed Honorary Life Member and luckily for us he will continue to help out at the annual Flower Show and assist the judges."



Seaton Majorettes to present dance show

■ SEATON Majorettes are gearing up for their second annual dance show. The showpiece, which goes under the name of 'That's Entertainment 2', will go ahead on Saturday, June 13th in The Gateway at Seaton Town Hall. A total of 47 majorettes are part of the production, directed by June Millman, and rehearsals are currently taking place in Seaton Methodist Chutch. The majorettes are hoping to raise a lot of money towards a new van to transport their sound and light equipment to various events.

Fire chiefs issues warning after thatch fire

EAST Devon and South Somerset fire chiefs are warning thatched property owners to take extra care in their homes, following a devastating blaze that destroyed a pub in West Dorset last week.

The Clockhouse Inn at Chideock, between Lyme Regis and Bridport, was gutted by a chimney fire that quickly spread to the building's thatched roof.

Safety bosses over the border believe a similar tragedy could strike unless homeowners take steps to protect their properties.

"Fire in a thatched roof is difficult to detect and once started is difficult to control", said Marc House, community safety prevention manager at Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

"Once a fire has taken hold within a roof it will spread rapidly, due to the very nature of how thatch burns, and often the results are devastating.

"A thatched home can be ruined not only by the

fire but by the amount of water needed to put it out. Within an ancient cottage, water can dissolve old cobb walls as well as causing serious water damage throughout."

Crews from East Devon and South Somerset were among the 14 teams called to the blaze in Chideock on Bank Holiday Monday. Despite their best efforts, the 16th century pub was completely destroyed.

Now officers are keen to ensure further thatch properties are not at risk from wood-burning stoves, electrical faults or structural deficiencies.

Discarded cigarettes and garden bonfires have also been known to spark fires at thatched properties, officers say.

Mr House advised that thatch property owners have their chimney swept regularly and have a fire alarm installed and regularly tested.

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Developer snaps up Silver Street shop

AN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY shop in the centre of Ottery St Mary has been sold to developers, after its owners finally decided to sell the premises.

Coles' Furnishers, in Silver Street, is set for redevelopment after more than 200 years at the heart of the community.

Planning permission has already been granted to convert part of the site into two houses, but full proposals for the premises have yet to be revealed.

The shop's origins date back to 1780 when the site was rebuilt after a devastating fire.

It was converted into a grocery store in 1830, before becoming Coles' Furnishers – a carpet and fabric shop – 40 years ago.

The sale has now been agreed, after the current owners, John and David Hemmings, made plans to scale down the business ahead of their retirement.

Despite leaving the premises, the pair will continue to run the business from within their existing outfitters shop in Ottery.

Newton-Abbot-based commercial property specialists Charles Darrow brokered the deal to sell the property, which has been acquired by an unnamed local development company.

Paul Heather, a joint director at Charles Darrow, said: "We congratulate the buyers on what can only be described as an excellent acquisition."

"This is a property steeped in history and predictably there was considerable interest in it."

"Potential buyers recognised the enormous potential the property has and we look forward to seeing it further prosper in the future."

Sheldon Singers give performance fit for a pope

IT IS surprising that Sheldon Singers, although well-known throughout East Devon, should not be more widely heard, admired and recognised.

Based on their performance in St Paul's in Honiton on Good Friday they can easily compete on equal terms with many other more celebrated choirs.

Quiet thought and contemplation should invest the character of music for Good Friday. The programme chosen by the Sheldon Singers for their Good Friday concert in St Paul's Church in Honiton perfectly reflected that mood.

The first, relatively short part of the concert consisted of six pieces of graduated complexity and increasing emotion. Hugh Robertson's well-loved and well-known 'All in the April Evening', in which the pastoral image of lambs is linked to the suffering of the Lamb of God, was sung with appropriate simplicity and gentleness. Duruflé's 'Ubi Caritas', equally well-known, benefited from the same understated treatment.

Any of the commonly performed settings of the spiritual 'Were you there?' might have seemed out of place but John Barnard's arrangement ideally complemented the first two items.

With the cantor's opening proclamation to Rachmaninoff's 'Tebye Poyem', sung from the organ gallery by tenor, Leslie Baker, the emotional content of the concert intensified; it was heightened, too, by the ethereal line superimposed above the choir by soprano, Alison Newell.

There was a change of mood and a shift of some four centuries, as Peter Parshall descended from the organ loft to conduct the choir in the complex five-part 'Ave Maria' by Robert Parsons.

Few choirs could have done better justice to the work's 'Amen', described as one of the most beautiful in all Tudor music. The first part of the concert concluded with Henryk Górecki's 'Totus Tuus'. This work lasts some ten minutes and demands both stamina and concentration. The choir demonstrated ample reserves of both qualities and the performance was worthy of any given before a Pope.

Notable throughout this first half was the clarity of diction, the accuracy of the cut-offs, the balance between the voices and the choir's watchfulness of the conductor and engagement with the audience. It was obvious that the singers had been well-drilled and strictly disciplined.

Excerpts from the 'Messiah', Parts 2 and 3, which tell the story of Christ's passion, death and resurrection followed after the interval. Nine of the choruses were sung, including 'All we like sheep' with enjoyment, 'The Lord gave the word' with gusto, the 'Hallelujah' chorus with volume, and the last two 'Worthy is the Lamb' and 'Amen' with satisfaction and relief at a job well done.

Unusually, but not uniquely, Julie De'Ath Lancaster turned her back on the choir, faced the audience and sang the poignant contralto song, 'He was despised', richly, movingly and mellifluously. Catherine Early had two songs – 'How beautiful are the feet' and 'I

know that my Redeemer liveth' – both delivered with grace and diamantine soprano precision.

Leslie Baker's two short piteous and sorrowful embellished recitatives demonstrated apparently effortless delicacy; they contrasted with the anger, strongly conveyed in his treatment of 'Thou shalt break them'. Niall Hoskin's powerful baritone was admirably suited to 'Why do the nations' and 'The trumpet shall sound'.

There was drama and vigour in his performance of both songs in which the triplet runs can defeat many less accomplished singers.

Regular attenders of concerts by the Sheldon Singers will have been unsurprised by the manifest professionalism of Musical Director, Julie De'Ath Lancaster. They will also have been delighted by the skilful musicianship of Peter Parshall, both as conductor and organist.

Review by GLYN JONES

League of Friends' Easter raffle



■ FIRST PRIZE: Honiton Hospital League of Friends collected £100 towards its ongoing fundraising appeal, after organising a raffle over the Easter weekend.

Lyn Dunn (right), chairman of the League of Friends' fundraising committee, presented a chocolate hamper to raffle winner Pam Chown, a volunteer in the hospital shop, last week.

The League of Friends is currently raising money to furnish a quiet room in the hospital, which will provide a space for relatives to escape the hustle and bustle of the busy medical ward.

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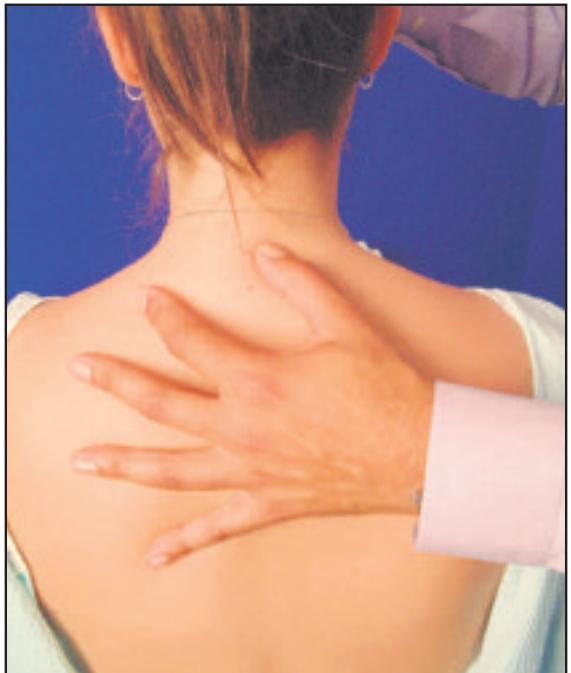
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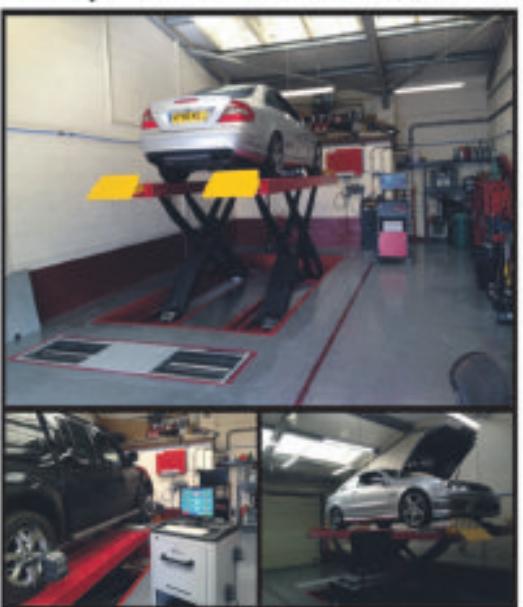
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'Passion' at Ottery choral concert

REVIEW

SIR Hubert Parry described Bach's St Matthew Passion as "the richest and noblest example of sacred music in existence".

It is a massive work and, for the performance by the Ottery St Mary Choral Society and Orchestra at the Parish Church last Saturday, the society's Musical Director and conductor, Malcolm Matthews, had made some judicious cuts to keep the running time under 2.5 hours. These cuts in no way interfered with the telling of Christ's Passion.

The work is framed by the words of St

Matthew's Gospel, sung by the Evangelist and supported by the choir. Into this framework, Bach has woven two other elements: there are firstly non-biblical reflective passages for the soloists and the choir, and secondly Bach's settings of German hymns (chorales), full of such rich harmony.

The St Matthew Passion is a daunting undertaking for an amateur choir and orchestra: it requires a double choir, two orchestras, and four principal soloists. For good measure, the choir has to provide no fewer than nine members to sing the lesser solo parts, including those of St Peter, Pontius Pilate and Judas Iscariot.

Malcolm Matthews readily admitted that drawing together all these elements had been his greatest challenge. That challenge was well met, for the result was a triumph for the Society and Orchestra, with all the elements on good form.

The conductor aside, pride of place among the performers must go to tenor Leslie Baker, singing the role of the Evangelist. This is a huge part, nearly wholly recitative, and much of it in the singer's higher register. It perfectly suited Leslie Baker's voice and his enunciation of St Matthew's words was exemplary. The role of Christ was sung by bass David Fouracre. Bach frames Christ's



words with a "halo" of expressive string accompaniment that gives the singer's tone an ethereal quality. Soprano Heloise West, we were later to learn, was suffering from a throat infection and this led to the cutting of a lengthy recitative and aria in the second half. Her earlier singing had shown no signs of this. Contralto Louise Mott has a beautiful voice to which Bach's music gave full rein, not least in the aria "Break in grief". From the choir, bass David Batty sang "And now the Lord is laid to rest" both powerfully and expressively.

One of the pleasing features of this work is the way that Bach interweaves solo orchestral sounds with the vocal lines in many of the solo

arias. It is invidious to single out the orchestral soloists; suffice to say that the audience heard some wonderful string and woodwind playing. The two orchestras, under leader Sarah Greinig, produced a full and rounded sound to accompany the grander choir choruses. The Ottery choir are a talented ensemble and were in fine form, whether showing attack and precision in their singing of the crowd scenes, or the rounded tone and balance required for Bach's incomparable chorales.

The Parish Church of Ottery St Mary as ever provided the ideal backdrop for this most spiritual of choral works. For visitors to Ottery, it never fails to dazzle, both inside and out.

■ ABOVE AND LEFT: Members of the Ottery St Mary Choral Society and Orchestra performing Bach's St Matthew Passion at the Parish Church



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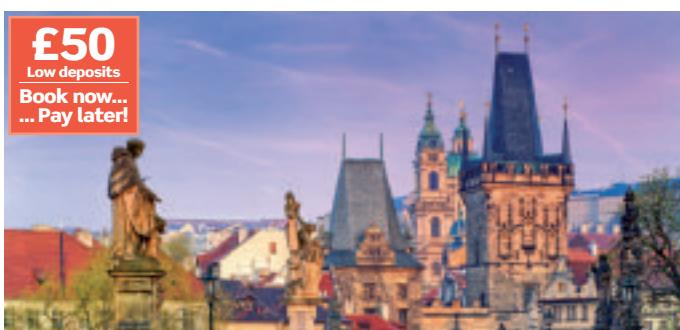
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BAND OF FRIENDS AT THE BARN

Group celebrates the music of Rory Gallagher see page 25

An English rose between two horns

ILMINSTER Arts Centre at the Meeting House will host an evening of gentle jazz from a superb line-up of award-winning musicians this Friday, April 17th.

Vocalist Tina May is the 'English rose' between the two horns, the horns in question being played by Alan Barnes on saxophone and Mark Nightingale on trombone. Tina has sung with most of the leading jazz musicians of her generation and has been acclaimed as "the most expressive and technically gifted jazz singer on the UK scene" by the Scotsman.

Alan Barnes is the UK's top saxophone player, having won many British Jazz Awards. A regular performer at Ilminster Arts Centre, Alan has worked with many different musicians, including Humphrey Lyttelton, Don Weller, Stan Tracey and John Dankworth, the BBC Big Band and the Tina May Trio. He has also appeared on albums by Van Morrison, Bryan Ferry and Selina Jones as a session musician, and was the BBC Instrumentalist of the Year in 2001 and 2006.

Mark Nightingale started playing



Tina May

trombone at the tender age of nine and joined first The Midlands Jazz Orchestra, then the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. He is regarded as one of the greatest jazz trombonists in the world.

These three musicians are joined tonight by Ilminster Arts Centre regulars, The Craig Milverton Trio, who will be backing them as well as providing their own brand of jazz magic.

Tina May, Alan Barnes, Mark Nightingale and the Craig Milverton Trio play at 8pm on Friday, April 17th. Tickets are £20, and a pre-show supper is available at 7pm for £12 (must be booked in advance). For more details visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk or call 01460 55783, and to book call the Box office 01460 54973.



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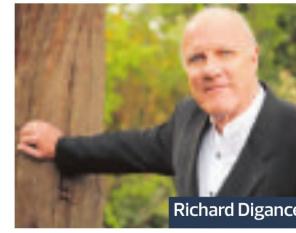
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Richard Digance returns to the

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Richard Digance

Photographer Ben Osborne to give talks at three venues

AWARD-WINNING wildlife and landscape photographer Ben Osborne will visit Northleigh, Axmouth and Colyford this week to give talks on his Himalayan journeys in Ladakh and Zanskar.

Ben trekked up frozen rivers, crossed amazing mountain passes, travelled through uninhabited valleys, camped in caves, and visit ancient monasteries. Now he is here to tell you his story of two journeys, with stunning images and an entertaining and compelling commentary.

Ben will talk at Northleigh Village Hall on Wednesday, April 15th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 adults, £5.50 children and £25 family (call 01404 831476 or visit www.wegottickets.com);

Colyford Memorial Hall on Friday, April 17th at 7.30pm, tickets are £8 adults, £6 child (from Colyford Post Office or 01297 553710);

Axmouth Village Hall on Saturday, April 18th at 7pm, tickets £10 including a light supper (from 01297 20673 - BYOB).



Ben Osborne

The Xcerts Don't Care!



FOLLOWING on from the overwhelming response to their new album 'There Is Only You', which was released in November 2014, The Xcerts can now announce both a new EP and a UK headline tour, including a date in Exeter.

The brilliant album cut 'I Don't Care' will be released as a single on Monday, April 20th, with a brilliant and brand new/unreleased b-side 'Wish' and three tracks recorded live at Glasgow's Oran Mor in December 2014.

The trio play at Exeter Cavern on Thursday, April 23rd. Tickets are £6 (plus 60p booking fee) available online by visiting exetercavern.com

An evening of clairvoyance

EX-HAIRDRESSER Steve Holbrook, regarded by many as one of the UK's top Clairvoyant Mediums, is visiting locally very shortly, and he explains how he hears the voices of our loved ones that have passed away. His ability started from behind the salon chair, and he now visits Theatres and Hotels around the country, and as far as the Caribbean, demonstrating his unique ability to act as a telephone exchange between this

world and the Spirit world.

Steve says that he was always aware from being a child that life existed beyond the grave, when he awoke to find 5 soldiers marching through his bedroom, but could only see the top half of them floating through the room. "This was very un-nerving experience but it was to give me an early glimpse of what was to come, and now it's as natural as breathing to me"

Steve started work in Leeds

city centre in a busy hairdressing salon, and feels that the years he spent behind the chair, having that personal contact with the customers, stimulated this rare, yet natural ability to hear the voices of spirits. People used to come in and book for their hair cut, and often got more than they bargained for when he passed on a message from their loved one. Steve was always the busiest stylist, and had a six week waiting list if people didn't re-book immediately, and says "I often wonder if they kept coming back for my ability as a hair stylist, or the possibility that they might receive a message from a relative who had passed away!"

He now gives messages of reassurance to people who have lost their loved ones, and by communicating with them, helps them understand that life continues, just simply in

a different dimension. One lady's mum came through to her in one of Steve's messages, and said to the daughter "don't forget the brown Prada handbag on Friday". The lady replied "I'm putting it in my mums coffin on Friday, she only died 5 days ago". Who would know this information?

Steve has three books out, 'Light in the Darkness', 'Out of this World', and 'Survival', and these all offer a true insight into the day-to-day life of a working medium, Steve's beliefs on many areas of Spiritualism, and a great background to Steve's life.

Steve has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charities over the years, £50,000 for his local hospice in Wakefield, £5,000 for MacMillan Support, and most recently our current total for PACT - a charity that helps terminally ill children and their parents across the country - is almost £21,000. He is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for this charity.

Stephen Holbrook will host an evening of Clairvoyance at the Beehive, Honiton on Friday, May 8th, doors 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets are £17 in advance or £18 on the door. To book call 01823 666292 or visit www.stephenholbrook.co.uk

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Seaton Drama Group's B.O.G.O.F. comedy double

SEATON DRAMA GROUP'S B.O.G.O.F. evening is offering two plays for the price of one!

Penned by local writer Chrissy Evans, who asked the group to read and comment on them. There was so much laughter at the read through that the



Seaton Drama Group

group asked to stage them. Both plays are full of comic moments and pathos.

'Is it Friday' is set in a retirement home and features a forthright character called Beattie. It is full of comic moments, some pathos and mystery... what is the silent Martha from Cheltenham spa's story? All is revealed at the end.

'The Beach Huts' is a snapshot of the beach hut community on a beach which could be Seaton? We meet a diverse cast of characters and find out some secrets along the way entwined with hilarity. Making his debut on stage is Charlie the Jack Russell... Working with animals - anything could happen!

Tickets are now on sale at The Gateway box office - Telephone: 01297 625699 £7 and £5 for age 12 and under. Performances on Wednesday 29th and Thursday, April 30th take place at 7.30pm each night.

Celebrating the music of Rory Gallagher

SOFT spoken Irishman Rory Gallagher's music reached a massive audience from Norway to Spain, from Japan to the USA, covering all parts of the globe and producing some of the greatest rock and blues albums of the 60s, 70s and the 80s.

Sadly Rory died on June 14th 1995, and to his devoted fans and followers this was the ultimate tragedy. Now two of his bandmates have formed The Band Of Friends, this is not a tribute to Rory, more a celebration of his life and music.

Gerry Mcavoy, Rory's bassist played, recorded and toured with Rory for 20 years and played on every album Rory ever made.

Ted McKenna, although best known for his work with The Sensational Alex Harvey Band played drums with Rory from 1978-81.

Dutch guitar Marcel Scherpenzeel wizard grew up with Rory's music and Gerry promises, "This is the closest guitarist to Rory you will ever hear".

The Band of Friends appear at The Barn at Square and Compass, Ilminster on Thursday, April 23rd. This is the only Somerset date on a full Eu-

ropean tour. Tickets are £14 in advance, and are available from the venue, by calling 01823 480467 (pay by card), online at www.mojopromo.co.uk or Black Cat Records in Taunton.



The Band of Friends

Dino Train back on track at Seaton Tramway

THE Dinosaur Train™, the exciting animated series from The Jim Henson Company (creators of the Muppets and Sesame Street), and one of the top series on Nickelodeon's Nick Jr., and Seaton Tramway will be hosting more special Dinosaur Train days during the May Bank holiday weekends and later in the year.

On May 3rd and May 24th, together with every Sunday in August, kids will have the opportunity to ride on the Dinosaur Train tram at the ever popular Seaton Tramway in Devon.

Visitors will get to meet Buddy, the loveable and curious T-Rex, Laura the Gigantosaurus, Quincy the Quetzalcoatlus, Carla the Shark, Ned the Brachiosaurus and Mr Conductor, the Troodon, and celebrate the fascination that children have with dinosaurs and trains!

The adventure will begin at Seaton where a dinosaur themed tram will take you to the Nature Trackers' Adventure Area at Colyton Station. Along the way there will be lots of music and stories from the hit show and kids will receive their Nature Trackers' Club Guidebook filled with fun-packed activities! There will also be plenty of wildlife to see as the tram

passes through two nature reserves on the Axe Estuary.

At the Nature Trackers' Adventure Area, there will be a Dinosaur Dig, Fossil Excavation site, Dino Footprint Tracking, Dinosaur Activity area with loads of dinosaur exhibits to touch and draw, temporary tattoos and a bouncy castle! Experience a close encounter with real snakes, lizards and other species from Exeter Exotics. You'll also be able to purchase one of our dinosaur treats at the Tramstop Café and look around the gift shop for lots of dinosaur and tram souvenirs.

After your fun-filled stop at the Adventure Area, your tram will take you back to Seaton and each child will receive a Dinosaur Goody Bag.

The Dinosaur Train is geared toward preschool children aged 2-5 years, but the entire family is guaranteed to have a great time. The Dinosaur Train tram will depart from Seaton Terminus at 11am on 3rd



Players' Three Nights of Comedy at Honiton College

HONITON Players perform three nights of their new show 'Outside Edge' next week. *Outside Edge* is set in a pavilion during the course of an important cricket match. Somehow the complications of the match pale before those occurring among the various WAGs and players.

Outside Edge was made into a very successful T.V. series starring Brenda Blethyn, Josie Lawrence and Timothy Spall, to name just a few.

Performances are at Honiton Community College at 7.30pm nightly from Thursday, April 23rd to Saturday, April 25th.

Tickets are £8 available at Honiton Toy Shop.

Penelope Retold

Olivier Award Nominee Caroline Horton brings one woman show to the Marine Theatre



OLIVIER Award nominee and Stage Best Solo Performer Caroline Horton is currently touring 'compelling monodrama' (The Guardian) *Penelope Retold*, coming to the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Having already gained huge critical acclaim and congratulatory audience responses since its premiere at Derby Theatre in 2014, *Penelope Retold* tells an epic, heart-breaking and fiercely playful tale of love, loneliness and the need to be free.

Welcome to Ithaca, Island paradise and home to Penelope. She's married to a world famous war hero and she's had enough of waiting quietly. Made with input from soldiers and military spouses, *Penelope Retold* is an irreverent collision of classic myth, The Odyssey and contemporary rage.

Get ready for a theatrical storm that sweeps through poetry, songs, comedy and YouTube clips towards a poignant and furious conclusion.

The show takes place at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, April 22nd at 8pm. To book tickets contact the TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

Let's Dance!

JOIN Axminster Musical Theatre at the Guildhall on Saturday, April 18th where they are hosting an evening of nonstop dancing to the very popular Gen Gap.

Dress casual or get dolled up in your best and come and strut your stuff from old time dancing to ballroom or disco – it's your choice!

Gen Gap cover most types of dancing and this is a great opportunity to let your hair down and just enjoy an evening of dance. Tickets are £10 and nibbles are included. The dancing starts at 7.30pm. So whether you fancy yourself as a disco diva or you just want to glide around the dance floor like Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire then Saturday, April 18th is your opportunity.

Tickets can be obtained from the Archway Bookshop in Axminster or on the door

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY APRIL 14TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking For One Demonstration with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

AXMINSTER: Art class starting at Axminster Guildhall from 9.30 to 11.30am. All abilities welcome, tuition provided. For more information, please contact Claire Anderson on 01460 63083 / claireanderson105@btinternet.com

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society coach trip to the National Trust estate of Stourhead. Leaving 9.30am. Spaces available, £11 for National Trust Members, £20 non-members. The gardens should be in full Spring flower by then, to make a memorable day out. Book with Rob Harvey on 01297 631664, by April 7th please. For more details visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com, or call 01297 444034.

HONITON: Illustrated talk – City of London Guilds. The history, colour, pomp and pageantry of the Lord Mayor and the City of London Guilds are lavishly illustrated in a talk by William Forrester, including highlights from The City's Art Collection. A National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts lecture, at The Beehive, Dowell St. EX14 1LZ, at 2pm. Non members welcome - £5 donation suggested. No booking required. For further information see www.honiton-dfas.org.uk or phone 01404 45360.

HONITON: Hospiscare Bargain Sale at Mackarness Hall, 9am-12noon. Homemade refreshments served.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Football. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk in the Function Room at the Dolphin Hotel, Beer, EX12 3EQ. Starts 8pm through to 10.30pm. For more details contact, Andrew 01404 46451 or Adrian 01404 549 903.

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 10.30am-12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

SEATON: Seaton and District Men's Probus Club meeting at St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton at 10.00am when the speaker will be Dale Johnson on 'Homeguard'. New members welcome (Keith West on 01297 624374).

COLYFORD: National Trust Axe Valley Centre, Talk by Dr F.E. Burroughs on 'The wonderful world of glass' with glass items to look at. This will be at 2.30 pm at Colyford Memorial Hall £2.00 for non-members (including tea/coffee and biscuit)

SEATON: Axe Valley Heritage Association, illustrated talk, "Roman Seaton", by Doug Hislop. At the United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Doors open 7pm. AVHA members £2, non-members £3, including tea/coffee and biscuits. For more details call Alan Nicholas on 01297 792212.

HONITON: The next meeting of the Honiton University of the Third Age at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Street, Honiton. The Guest speaker will be Dr. Peter Williams who will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'The Stars & Universe' – The nature and role of stars – how and where they are born, live and die. Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Members free. A donation of £2 is welcome from visitors

AXMINSTER: Dementia Awareness Session at Axminster Library 10 -11am. Find out how to become a Dementia Friend. Free and open to everyone. Tea and coffee.

NORTHLÉIGH: Ben Osborne will talk on his Himalayan Journeys through Ladakh and Zanskar. Northleigh Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 adults, £5.50 children, £2.50 families, available by calling 01404 831476 or www.gottotickets.com.

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH

COLYTON: Walking discovery of Colyton. £3 per person (under 16s free). Booking not required. An easy stroll lasting about an hour offering a chance to look and discover lots about Colyton. From 2pm at the town car park, regardless of weather.

CHARD: Chard Camera club is holding an in house print competition in subjects of 'Close up'; 'Landscape' and an 'Open' class. Anyone wishing to make enquiries of the club or wishing to join can contact the club via their website chardcameraclub.org.uk or by ringing Peter Partridge on 01460 66885.

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church hall, Abbey St. Crewkerne. Every Thursday 8 to 10 pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

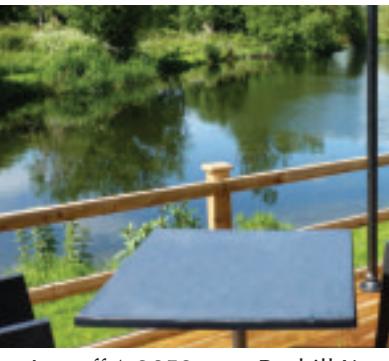


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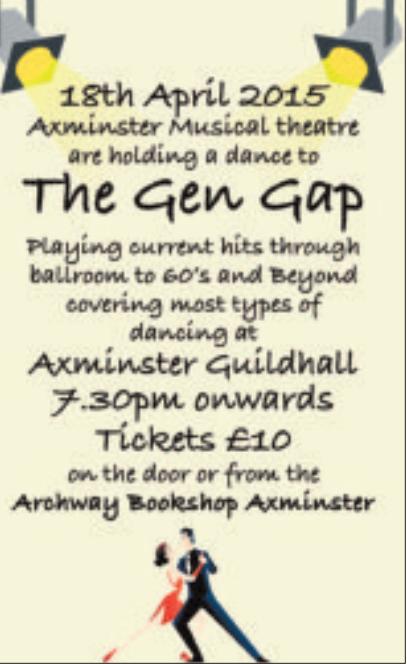
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Magnificent Seven Ride into Town

SEVEN local artists will be filling the Ilminster Arts Centre's gallery when they 'ride into town' to present an action packed group exhibition. Between them the seven talented artists will be providing a showcase of an exciting range of techniques and media, as well as their own individual styles.

Among the exhibits will be stained glass pieces by Sue Heys, intricate and precise copper plate engravings by Roy Cooney, and dynamic sculpture by Melanie Deegan. Bern Sawle will present a selection of his unique fused glass sculptures while painters Diane Burnell and Jenny Keogh will be showing some of their distinctive, poetic paintings.

The Magnificent Seven exhibition takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House from Monday, April 20th until Saturday, May 16th. Admission is free and the exhibition is open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am-2.30pm on Saturdays.

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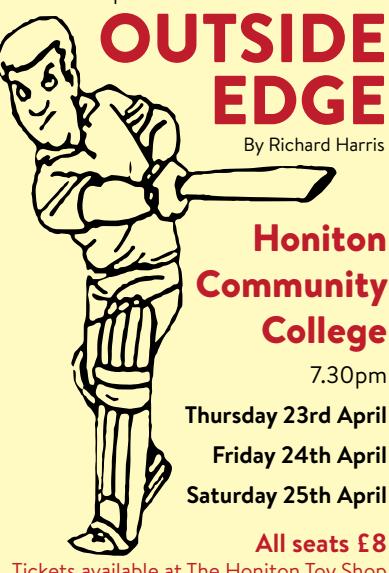
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Diary Dates

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group meeting. 'New Zealand's Wildlife Gems' - a ground tour showing the wildlife and landscapes of NZ, presented by Ed Drewett, author and broadcaster. 7.30pm at the Millennium Hall. Entry, includes tea and biscuits: £2.50 for members, £3.50 for non-members, under 18s free. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01460 240740.

HORTON: Horton Film Club presents 'What We Did On Our Holiday' at the village hall. Doors 7pm, non-members welcome from 7.15pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. Non-members £5. For more details visit hortonvillage.co.uk

COLYTON: Monmouth Rebellion Costume Event. Come along to the open evening when ideas for easy costumes will be presented so you may join in the community re-enactment event in June. Information sheets, talks, costume displays for men, women & children 5.30pm - 7.30pm, St Andrews Sunday School, Colyton. More info 01297 552626.

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking Demo For Parents/Carers with children by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.00noon. Need new ideas to keep meal times interesting, healthy and on a budget? Come to our FREE healthy cooking demonstrations covering nutritional advice and cooking hints and tips for parents and carers with children. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

HONITON: Hospiscare Evening Bingo at Mackarness Hall. Doors open 6.15pm, eyes down 7pm. Refreshments and raffle.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits, Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

CHARD: 11 Week course in relaxation and meditation begins at St Mary's Church Rooms. Every Friday evening. £2.50 per session.

COLYFORD: Ben Osborne will talk on his Himalayan Journeys through Ladakh and Zanskar. At Colyford Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 adults, £6 children, available from Colyford Post office or on 01297 553710.

AXMINSTER: Whist Drive, Raffle & Cake Stall. At Woodbury Village Hall, Nr Axminster, EX13 5TL. Start 7.30pm In aid of Miranda & Vicki running the London Marathon For The Stroke Association & Children with Cancer UK

SATURDAY APRIL 18TH

AWLISCOMBE: Puppetcraft presents 'Monkey' a new version by Michael Rosen. At Awliscombe Village hall, 2.30pm. A puppet show for the whole family, perfect for 4+. Tickets £6 adults, £4.50 children - call 01404 45145 or on the door. A Villages in Action event.

AXMINSTER: Dance to The Gen Gap (formerly The Generation Gap) Playing current hits through ballroom, to 60s & beyond. They cover most types of dancing and will perform at The Guildhall from 7.30pm onwards. Tickets £10 from Rose Harvey 01308 425381, Richard Peacock 01460 220334, or The Archway Bookshop Axminster. Proceeds to Axminster Musical Theatre.

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall. Free entry, refreshments available. 10am-1pm. All proceeds to the hall restoration fun.

EAST CHINNOCK: The annual East Chinnoch Book Sale from 10am-2pm in the Village Hall, easy to find in the middle of the village by the main road (A30). There will be the usual range of thrillers to reference, children's books to recent best sellers, as well as DVDs. Soup and sandwich lunches will be available. The event is a fundraiser for the village church, St. Mary's Church. For more details call 01935 864408

AXMOUTH: Ben Osborne will talk on his Himalayan Journeys through Ladakh and Zanskar. At Axmouth Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets £10 including a light supper, available by calling 01297 20679, BYOB.

UPOTTERY: Upottery Short Mat Bowls Club open afternoon at Upottery Manor Roost, 2-7pm. Tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and free use of bowls and equipment. For more details call 01404 871516.

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH

DALWOOD: Alan Barnes and The Matt Carter Trio in the Tuckers Arms Dalwood EX13 7EA. Come along & enjoy a great afternoon of Jazz. Ticket £10 & info 01404 831280

DALWOOD: Plant Fair at Burrow Farm Gardens in aid of Plant Heritage. 10 visiting nurseries bringing a selection of their best plants for sale. Entrance to fair £1. Open from 10am – 4pm, gardens close at 7pm. Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood, EX13 7ET. 01404 831285

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Search for a Star

THE Somerset School of Performing Arts is looking for talented youngsters between the ages of 5 and 20 years to take part in their annual "Search for a Star Competition" which will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 2pm at The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil

The competition is aimed at budding young actors, singers, dancers and performers who would benefit from professional musical theatre training at The Somerset School of Performing Arts. Many of our former pupils including former "Search For a Star" competition winners, have gone on to work in show business including contracts in The West End, in films, in television, in broadcasting, in touring companies, in teaching and in promotional work.

On Saturday, April 18th, any interested young people may come along and join our current pupils for a fun filled afternoon at the end of which anybody who would like to, will be invited to perform a short piece for us in their favourite discipline. The audition piece should be approximately 1½ minutes long and pupils are very welcome to bring props, music or backing tracks on a CD.

The winner of the competition will receive up to a year's free tuition at the Somerset School of Performing Arts. This year we will also be offering discounted fees for the first term of entry to all boys who attend the afternoon.

For further details and an application form contact Helen Laxton LRAD, ARAD, AISTD, AIDTA, RTS on 01935 863865 or email watkins71@btinternet.com

Motor Neurone Disease Association AGM in Misterton

THE South and East Somerset Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 25th 2015 at Misterton Village Hall from 2pm-4pm.

The meeting is primarily intended to thank our supporters for their generosity and dedication and to welcome anyone in our region who may be interested in finding out more about the Association. Volunteers who offer local support to people touched by this devastating disease.

Raising awareness about this disease has been enhanced by recent media coverage at the 'Ice Bucket Challenge'

and the film 'The Theory of Everything', featuring the life of Professor Stephen Hawking. For anyone inspired by these events, or any other way, and wanting to learn more, this meeting will be ideal for you, where there will be a warm welcome, a cream tea and an opportunity to socialise with both old and new friends, and in addition offering support to someone with the disease and their family.

For further information if required please contact John Hayward, Branch Secretary, on 01935 579525 or 07925074750, or Margaret Small, Branch Chairperson, on 01460 78453.

Ginger on the Rocks

FORMED in October '14, Ginger on the Rocks are an alternative acoustic trio that have created a distinctive musical cocktail mixing Ginger's powerful vocals, Stone's killer guitar and Amber's hypnotic djembe drum beats.

Released on March 8th as a free download, through Soundcloud and Reverbnation, their debut 'These Walls Have Teeth', was recorded in Ginger's front room with up and coming producer Jack Arrowsmith of JAMusic. Since the release, the song has received glowing reviews, significant radio play on international radio stations 'The Justin Wayne Show' and SoundArt Radio, and for just over two weeks Ginger on the Rocks (GOTR) were sitting pretty at the No.1 slot of Exeter's alternative music chart on Reverbnation. Michael of Music Reviews had this to say about *These Walls Have Teeth*:

"...you will hear on display a group that speaks rather well in the language of music... It is most certain that "These Walls Have Teeth" for the sheer nature that the room, like you, will want to devour every last note that escapes these three."

In the short time Ginger On The Rocks have been together they've played at the prestigious Mama Stones and have just been confirmed to play as part of the line up at this years Exeter Food Festival. Exeter Festival of South West Food & Drink will once again play host to some stellar live music this year. The Festival

After Dark Party nights allow festival goers to enjoy the varied street food and local beer and cider whilst listening to some of the best live music the South West has to offer. Festival by day visitors can enjoy a host of local musicians taking to the stages in Northernhay Gardens and the Exeter Castle courtyard.

Ginger, Amber and Stone have created a unique sound that draws audiences in and leaves them more than a little shaken and stirred. You can catch them at 9.30pm on the 17th April at the Royal Clarence in Seaton. April & May dates booked so far:

Friday, April 17th: The Royal Clarence,

Seaton 9.30 - 12am. Saturday April 25th: Otter Wheels 1000 Miles for Smiles, The Otter Inn, Honiton 1pm. Sunday, April 26th: Exeter Food Festival Castle Stage 10am, Exeter Food Festival Northernhay Park Garden Stage 12pm.

Sunday, May 3rd: On the Waterfront, Exeter 7.30pm. Saturday, May 30th: Lamb and Flag, Ottery St Mary 9.30pm 'til late

For more information you can find Ginger on the Rocks on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/Gingerontherocks To get your free download of 'These Walls Have Teeth' visit: soundcloud.com/gin gerontherock/thesewallshaveteeth



ON THE ROCKS | Stone, Ginger and Amber performing at Mama Stones. Photo by GTH Photography Devon

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MAY 10	6 DAYS	ANTHONY'S TOUR OF SUFFOLK	£365.00	AUG 23	6 DAYS	CHRISTIAN BASED TOUR - PEAK DISTRICT	£385.00
MAY 22	2 DAYS	CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW	£165.00	AUG 24	5 DAYS	DELIGHTFUL DORSET & THE NEW FOREST	£295.00
MAY 23	7 DAYS	IRELAND ... BEAUTIFUL BANTRY BAY	£475.00	AUG 31	5 DAYS	NORFOLK ... STEAM TRAINS & THE BROADS	£315.00
MAY 25	5 DAYS	A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY	£299.00	SEPT 7	5 DAYS	NATIONAL TRUST TREASURES ... NORTH WALES	From £299.00
MAY 25	5 DAYS	THE ARDENNES ... BELGIUM'S HIDDEN GEM	£369.00	SEPT 7	5 DAYS	A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY	£299.00
MAY 31	8 DAYS	THE BLACK FOREST & ALSACE VILLAGES	£545.00	SEPT 9	8 DAYS	ALPINE MOUNTAINS & LAKES OF AUSTRIA	£475.00
JUNE 1	5 DAYS	LANCASHIRE'S BYGONE ERA	£299.00	SEPT 11	4 DAYS	THAMES VALLEY EXPLORER	£199.00
JUNE 5	4 DAYS	OXFORD AND ALTHORP HOUSE & GARDENS	£215.00	SEPT 12	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND	£179.00
JUNE 6	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND	£179.00	SEPT 14	5 DAYS	THE LOVELY LAKES & DELIGHTFUL DALES	£299.00
JUNE 8	5 DAYS	THORESBY HALL, NOTTINGHAM ... WARNERS	£365.00	SEPT 14	5 DAYS	JERSEY	£315.00
JUNE 8	5 DAYS	TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE	£295.00	SEPT 14	5 DAYS	GUERNSEY	£395.00
JUNE 10	8 DAYS	THE CAIRNGORMS, ROYAL DEESIDE & BALMORAL	£525.00	SEPT 18	3 DAYS	TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE	£295.00
JUNE 12	5 DAYS	THE BEST OF HOLLAND	£369.00	SEPT 18	4 DAYS	MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND ON THE SOUTH COAST	£149.00
JUNE 18	9 DAYS	SCOTLAND'S AGRICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS	£599.00	SEPT 20	10 DAYS	HARROGATE AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW & YORK	£235.00
JUNE 22	5 DAYS	LOVELY LINCOLNSHIRE	£299.00	SEPT 21	5 DAYS	GALICIA... NORTHERN SPAIN'S BEST KEPT SECRET	£799.00
JUNE 24	3 DAYS	THE LIFE OF CHRIST ... OPEN AIR PLAY	£185.00	SEPT 22	5 DAYS	CORTON COASTAL RESORT, SUFFOLK ... WARNERS	£295.00
JUNE 26	4 DAYS	ENTERTAINMENT BREAK IN TH ENGLISH RIVIERA	£139.00	SEPT 22	9 DAYS	LLANDUDNO, inc WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY	£345.00
JUNE 29	5 DAYS	CHESHIRE'S GOLDEN AGE	£335.00	SEPT 25	4 DAYS	SCOTLAND ... "THE BESTOF THE WEST"	£599.00
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JULY 13	5 DAYS	SCENIC SHROPSHIRE - CANAL BOATS & STEAM TRAINS	£325.00	OCT 5	5 DAYS	ISLE OF WIGHT	£295.00
JULY 19	5 DAYS	THE GARDENS OF IRELAND, THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS	£345.00	OCT 5	5 DAYS	PEAKS & PUDDINGS	£335.00
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JULY 22	3 DAYS	THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW	£195.00	OCT 11	15 DAYS	OUR 2015 GRAND TOUR ... SICILY	£1595.00
JULY 25	8 DAYS	SCOTLAND ... THE HIGHLANDS & MALLAIG STEAM TRAIN	£525.00	OCT 11	5 DAYS	CHRISTIAN BASED TOUR -LAKES & DALES	£385.00
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SUNDAY APRIL 19TH (CONTINUED)

MERRIOTT: International Players Spring Classical Concert at All Saints Church. Refreshments 4.30pm, concert from 5pm. Tickets £7 from the village butchers Osborne Stores, the Crewkerne Information Centre, or 07870404631 or 01460 76360 (to reserve). Funds raised towards the Church Fabric Repair Fund.

CLAPTON: Breakfasts at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, 8.30-11.30am. Full English or sausage/bacon/egg & mushroom rolls, tea/coffee, fruit juice. All welcome – come and enjoy a Sunday breakfast in a friendly atmosphere with a lovely view. Further information from 01460 75313 or 01460 74654.

AXMINSTER: Plant Fair raising funds for Plant Heritage at Burrow Farm (EX13 7ET). Coffee, snacks, cream teas and light lunches are available from Burrow Farm tea rooms, and the 10 acre gardens, clothed in spring flowers, are open for you to enjoy until 7pm. Entry to Plant Fair is £1 for non Plant Heritage members. Garden entry Adults £6 Children £1

MONDAY APRIL 20TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club meeting, 2-4pm. Non-members £6, members £5. Tutor is Carl Taylor, artist in watercolour and acrylics. For more details call 01460 30835.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness April Meeting. Guest Speaker Emma Leverton on 'Palmistry' At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne, 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

CREWKERNE: Bridge for beginners, 2-4pm at Henhayes Centre. For more details call 01460 74340 if you would like to attend.

SOUTH PERROTT: Art Class, every Monday. At South Perrrott Village Hall, beginners welcome. 2pm-4pm. £10 each.

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of A.T. Society.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND

AXMINSTER: Carers Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30-4pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations covering nutritional advice and cooking hints and tips to help make your life easier as a carer. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

UPLYME: Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk on British Owls, their natural history and practical conservation by the well known expert Chris Sperring, who will be bringing live owls along to show. At Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. Members attend free, non-members £3 – there will be tea and cakes before and afterwards. For more details visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com, or call 01297 444034.

ILMINSTER: The Heritage of the Ile will hold their AGM at The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster at 7.30pm. Liz Grant will speak on the Somerset Light Infantry and Army records.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre. Cash prizes. Eyes down at 2.30pm

THURSDAY APRIL 23RD

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church hall, Abbey St. Crewkerne. Every Thursday 8 to 10 pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

TATWORTH: Film: 'The Imitation Game' (cert 12a). At Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits, Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

CREWKERNE: Special St. George's Day lunch at Henhayes Centre. Please phone 01460 74340 if you would like to attend.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster / Chard group. Presentation by Julian Pady entitled "A year in the Meadows at Goren Farm". Including video to give an abridged view of the sights and sounds of his wonderful Wildflower Meadows and information on how to create and manage



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SIDMOUTH: Ballroom & Sequence dancing at Stowford Centre (opposite Waitrose) with the Dancing Duo, from 8-11pm. £6. More details call 01803 325905.

COLYFORD: National Trust Axe Valley Centre Spring Fair at Colyford Memorial Hall 10.30-1.00pm. There will be for sale Cakes & produce, books, bric-a-brac, craft & plant stall, Raffle and Sidmouth National Trust Shop. Admission £1. (Including tea/coffee and biscuit)

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SEATON: Coffee Morning and Craft / Table Top Sale in aid of Friends in the Community Seaton Hospital League of Friends. 10am-1pm. For more details call 01297 24310.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH

SEATON: Seaton and District Men's Probus Club meeting at St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton at 10.00am when the speaker will be Molly Bond on 'Things You Probably Never Knew About The Titanic'. New members welcome (Keith West on 01297 624374).

TATWORTH: Free Talk & Tea "Childhood reflections of rural Somerset". At Tatworth Memorial Hall, 2pm. Organised by T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198 or 01460 220339.

THURSDAY APRIL 30TH

COLYTON: Walking discovery of Colyton. £3 per person (under 16s free). Booking not required. An easy stroll lasting about an hour offering a chance to look and discover lots about Colyton. From 2pm at the town car park, regardless of weather.

CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St. Bartholomew's Church hall, Abbey St. Crewkerne. Every Thursday 8 to 10 pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

FENITON: Feniton History Group talk on Boundaries at St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm. Chris Wakefield of Ottery Heritage Society will be the speaker. Admission £3.00 to include Coffee and Biscuits.

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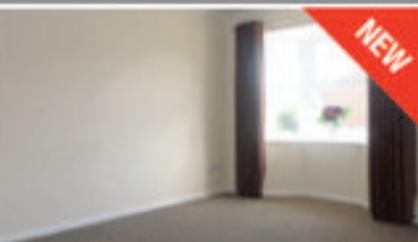


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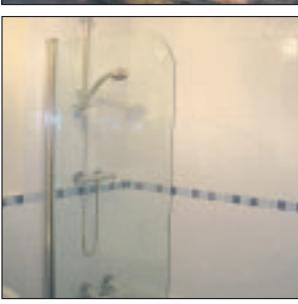
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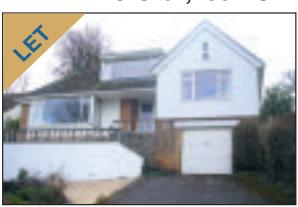
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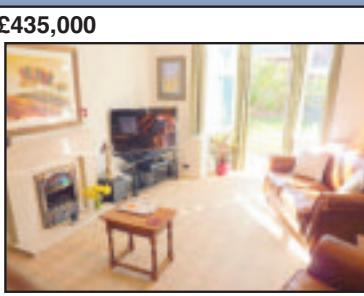
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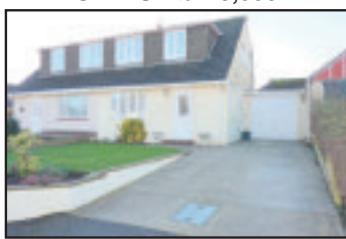


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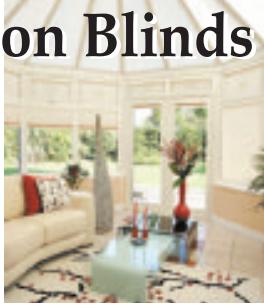
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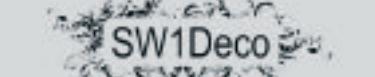
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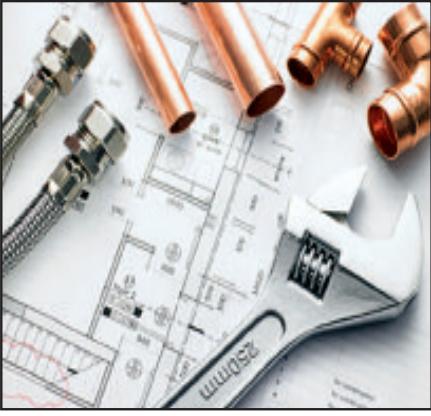
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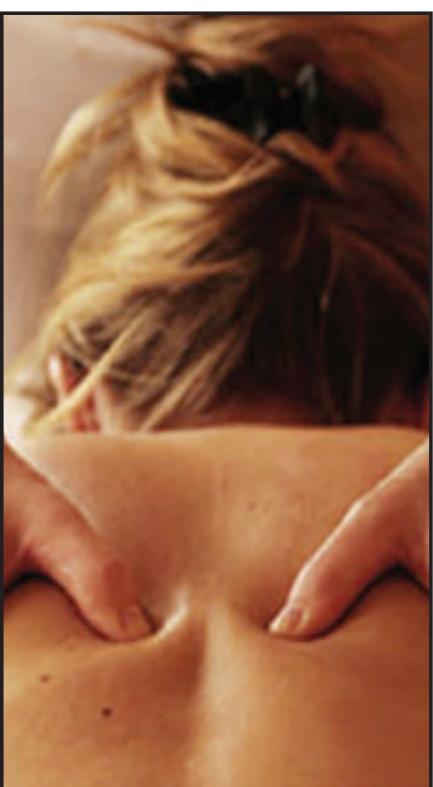
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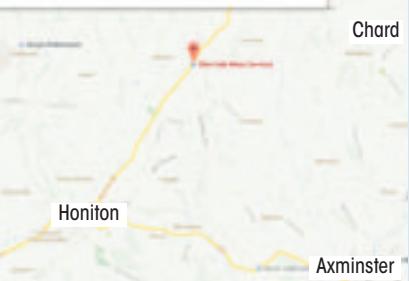
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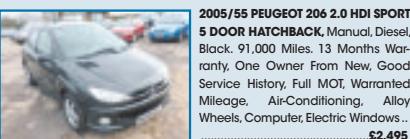
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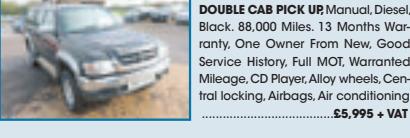
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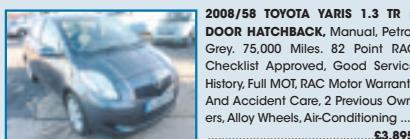


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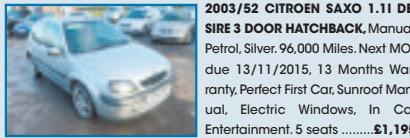


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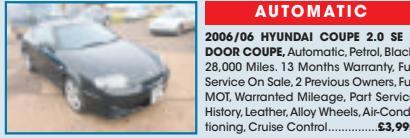
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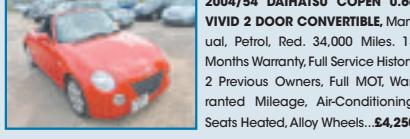
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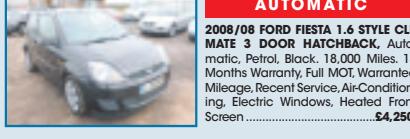
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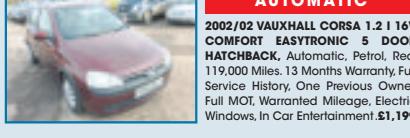
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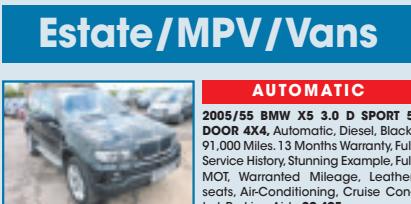
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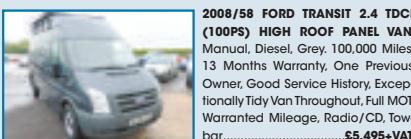


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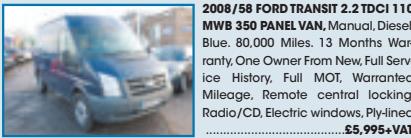


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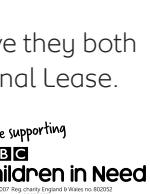
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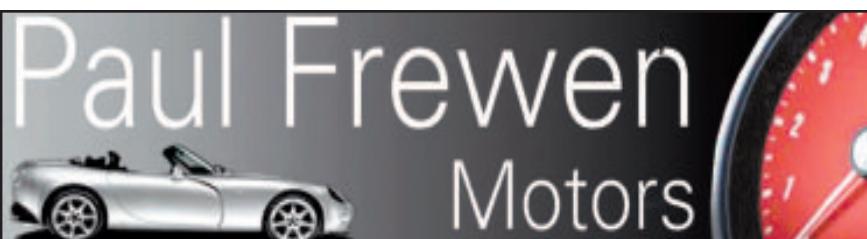


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Toyota's New RAV4 Hybrid

TOYOTA wrought a decisive change in the motoring landscape 20 years ago with the launch of the original RAV4, a new kind of recreational vehicle that pioneered today's valuable and highly popular compact SUV market. Today it has opened a new chapter in RAV4's enduring success story with the unveiling of the first RAV4 Hybrid at the New York International Auto Show.

The new RAV4 Hybrid AWD represents the next dimension in Toyota's application of full hybrid technology. Its smooth and efficient powertrain combines a 2.5-litre petrol engine and an electric motor, with an additional motor powering the rear axle to deliver electronic all-wheel drive.

The AWD capability provides greater safety and stability when negotiating low-grip surfaces. It also provides a towing capacity of 1,650kg, with Toyota's Trailer Sway Control system providing added security and peace of mind.

The unveiling of the hybrid coincides with the announcement of the new RAV4 range which

features new exterior styling, improved cabin quality and further deployment of advanced technology and safety features.

RAV4's new frontal design generates a stronger road presence and includes full LED headlights for the first time. To the side, there is a new rocker panel that creates a more flowing look, and at the rear the combination lamps and bumper have been reworked, adding yet more emphasis to the car's road stance.

The sensory quality of the cabin has been raised significantly with the adoption of new combination meters, a full colour TFT screen and soft-touch materials.

New technology features include Toyota's 360-degree Panoramic View Monitor, which gives the driver sight of obstacles that would remain hidden in blind spots when using conventional front and rear cameras, making for safer and easier manoeuvring.

RAV4's safety specification is significantly improved with the addition of the new Toyota

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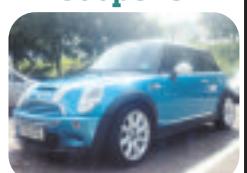


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Citroën's Take On The Suv: Intense & Optimistic

The Citroën Aircross concept conveys a sense of power and determination. The body is set on large wheels with 275/42 R 22 tyres. The tyres were designed exclusively for Citroën Aircross by Continental and feature large tread blocks and a unique pattern for excellent traction on the most demanding surfaces. The striking design of the wheels highlights the all-terrain abilities of the Citroën Aircross.

With its parallel-to-the-road waistline, the new Citroën Aircross conveys an air of confidence, but without the feeling of arrogance or aggression.

The front and rear bumpers fully convey Citroën's design identity. The front end features a new chevron design and a two-tier light signature, which first appeared on the latest-generation C4 Picasso. At the rear, the new 3D-effect lights have a high-tech and emphatically graphic appearance. These classic Citroën design touches are rounded out by a floating roof and uninterrupted area of glass right around the cabin.

Harnessing Design For Enhanced Functionality

The body of the Citroën Aircross is punctuated by strong graphic components designed to enhance functionality. Citroën has developed a fresh take on the Airbump® technology of C4 Cactus, adapting it to SUV requirements. Whilst Airbump® technology is designed to protect the car's body from everyday bumps and scrapes, the 'Alloy Bumps' on the Citroën Aircross are there to protect the vehicle from lateral impact with their visible padding. The 'Alloy Bumps' are made using a highly absorbent aluminium honeycomb structure, which was first used in motorsport, and combines protection, lightness and style. The 'Alloy Bumps' are an innovative and fitting solution for the SUV segment.

The graphic components also highlight the search for enhanced aerodynamics, on bodywork that has already been optimised for efficient air penetration. The 'Air Signs' are chrome-finished signatures that surround each rear window to form an air-flow tunnel. In addition, 'Air Curtains' are air intakes located at the front of the concept car. These

two features are accompanied by front and rear wheel arch extractors and the highly tapered shapes of the door mirrors. Together these components improve the overall aerodynamics of the Citroën Aircross while enhancing its design.

The 'Air Signs' play a two-fold role, improving aerodynamics while highlighting the importance of the second row of seats. With the Citroën Aircross, particular importance has been placed on the passengers and the interior. This is an SUV for sharing.

Strong & Positive Bodywork

The Citroën Aircross concept features intense orange-red body paint, signifying optimism and open-mindedness. The colour elicits anything but indifference and underscores the lines and shapes of the vehicle. To ensure continuity between the exterior and the interior, the colour perfectly matches the cabin colour scheme.

The orange-red hue is punctuated by solid metal elements on the base of the wing mirrors, grille, 'Air Signs' and towing hooks. These raw and authentic components lend an air of assurance and robustness to Citroën Aircross, confirming its SUV nature.

Combining Efficiency & Top-Level Performance

Citroën Aircross is powered by plug-in hybrid petrol technology, with an electric motor located on the rear axle. This configuration

is a perfect fit for the Citroën Aircross, optimising performance and traction while ensuring low fuel consumption and emissions.

The electric motor develops 95bhp (70kW) and torque of 200Nm. The motor is powered by lithium-ion batteries that charge up in just three and a half hours via a 16A domestic socket. The electric motor is combined with a 1.6 THP petrol engine developing 218bhp (160kW) and torque of 275Nm.

With its plug-in hybrid powertrain, the Citroën Aircross respects the environment. This is especially true in urban driving conditions in ZEV mode. This all-electric mode has a range of 31 miles (50km).

On roads that require successive acceleration and deceleration, the hybrid technology limits fuel consumption by combining both energy sources. On the motorway, the internal-combustion engine takes over, providing optimum high-speed performance.

No compromise has been made in terms of driving pleasure. When the driver accelerates quickly and torque is required immediately, a boost function combines the torque of the internal-combustion engine and the electric motor delivering optimum performance with up to 313bhp available. Combined cycle fuel consumption is 166mpg (1.7 l/100 km) and CO₂ emissions are an impressively low 39g/km. Citroën Aircross accelerates from 0 to 62mph in just 4.5 seconds.



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Defeat sees Farway relegated – Turner at the double for Axminster

South-West Peninsula League

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TOTNES & DARTINGTON 1

SIDMOUTH TOWN 2

THE visiting Vikings had to recover from conceding an early goal at the picturesque Fox Hole Sports Ground to claim their third consecutive away win victory.

A well struck free kick from Liam Collings from 20 yards out gave the home side a 7th minute lead.

The equaliser came on the half hour and was as good a goal as you will see all season. Sidmouth's left back Tony Cox ran onto the ball 35 yards out from goal and unleashed a shot that flew into the bottom corner.

This gave the young Vikings some real believe and on the 40th minute they were rewarded for their endeavours when Damien Armes intercepted a pass and found Riki Pittter whose initial effort was saved but he tapped in the rebound.

The second half was a drab affair, Sidmouth, really well organised and disciplined kept their shape well and protected their lead.

T&D never really looked like testing Vikings' keeper Robbie Powell and defensive unit of Mike Pidgeon, Cameron Vere, Jamie Newbery and Cox.

Gary Dixon in a centre midfield role was selected as MoM.

AXMINSTER 2 CREDITON UTD 0

TWO second-half goals from midfielder Ben Turner secured a 2-0 win over Crediton United in Saturday's match at Ottery St Mary.

MoM Turner struck on the hour after good work from Callum Garrett and Sam Dibling and tapped home his second from close range in the 75th minute in the win which sees the managerless Tigers end a six game winless run ahead of next weekend's visit by fellow struggler Exwick Villa.

A win for the Ax would see them close the gap at the bottom to two points.

◆ Axminster chairman Eay Self has confirmed to *View Sport* that the club is hopeful of appointing a new management team before the end of the season

D & E reports

Willand Res 2 Beer Albion 1

AFTER their fine win against Heavitree the previous Saturday Beer Albion came down to earth with a bang when they slumped to a 2-1 defeat against lowly Willand.

The Fishermen competed well enough but lacked a cutting edge up front and missed striker James Melville who is still struggling with a hamstring problem.

They did take the league through Martin Adkin but Willand equalised just before half time and scored the winner soon after the break.

Beer go into their last three league games with relegation now a real possibility if three teams go down from the Premier League.

Their fight will not be helped by the suspension of Martin Adkin who was dismissed towards the end for two yellow card offences.

Beer Albion Reserves 0 Silverton 1

BEER Albion 2nds suffered a surprise defeat at home on Saturday.

The Fishermen completely controlled the game from start to finish but squandered chance after chance.

They were made to pay for all when the scored the winner five minutes from time.

For Beer midfielder Adam Brewer, defenders Robert Adkin and Ollie Page all had good games and substitute Pedro Fontes looked sharp after a long lay-off.

But the Fishermen will need to sharpen up their finishing if they are to get anything out of next Saturday's home match with league leaders Kentisbeare.

◆ There was some compensation on Sunday when Beer Reserves won 2-1 away at Honiton Town Reserves in the **Golesworthy Cup** to set up a 2nd Round tie with local rivals Seaton Reserves at the Furzebrake next Sunday 19th April.

Beer's scorers were Callum Gribble and Simon Smith.

D & E LEAGUE ROUND-UP

with Collin Goodwin

HENRY'S Cronies became the first League team this season to lift a championship when their 3-0 victory at WOODBURY captured the Division Three title.

The 'Cronies' who won Division Seven in their first season with a 100 per cent record were then elevated four divisions but it has not seen them slow down much, just one League defeat since. A Jamie Fanson brace and Luke Nickles did the job for them.

LYME REGIS, chasing second place, were also 3-0 winners, at CHAGFORD where Julien Simier (2) and Sam Jones bagged the goals.

Dean Pidgeon (4) and Chris Acton, (2) were amongst the goals as CHERITON FITZPAINE routed EXMOUTH AMATEURS 9-0.

TIVERTON TOWN saw their Premier lead trimmed after they were held 1-1 by SIDBURY UNITED. The visitors equalised in the last minute with a wonder goal from Connor Hannaford but Sidbury more than deserved a draw. Dave O'Connor was the 'Yellows' scorer but it was keeper John Wannell who kept them in the game.

Second-placed FENITON made heavy work in beating BUDLEIGH SALTERTON, 4-1. Jamie Dodge, Ben Ede, Matt Kingdon and Charlie Selley were the 'Fenny' scorers, with Euan Anderson lobbing a superb consolation for the robins.

HATHERLEIGH TOWN won 1-0 at TOPSHAM TOWN to stay on the brink of the race, Mark Lake got the winner. NEWTON won 4-2 at home to CHARD TOWN, Ben Howard, Jack Gill, Cory O'Donoghue and an own goal sinking the Somerset club.

ELMORE enjoyed an excellent 2-0 win against a good THORVERTON TEAM, Callum Old and Will Pinnick scoring.

BOW AAC beat HEAVITREE UNITED, 4-0, with Alex Bowden, (2), Adam Pidgeon and Billy Conabear scoring.

Two Gorge Muggleton goals earned WILLAND ROVERS a much needed 2-1 victory against BEER ALBION.

HONITON TOWN beat their nearest challengers, NEWTON ST CYRES, 4-0, and that means they have one hand on the Division One title.

Jack Knight, Andy Isaac, Chris Long and Tom Perryman scored for Honiton, whose position was made even safer with EXWICK VILLA losing 3-1 at CLYST VALLEY. Dave Hood nailed a treble for Clyst, while Aiden Barrett had the Villa reply.

EXMOUTH AMATEURS also won 3-1 in their derby clash with LYMPSTONE. Danny Dawson struck twice.

UPOTTERY share top spot in Division Two after winning 3-0 at CREDITON UNITED. Max McKeown, (2), and Jamie Girton scored.

SIDMOUTH TOWN won 4-0 at home to NEWTON as they chase third place.

DAWLISH UNITED moved further away from the drop after a 1-0 win against HEMYOCK, thanks to a Martin Burley penalty.

There was an upset in Division Four where leaders LAPFORD lost just their second match this season, 2-0 at home to LANGDON, who are now up to second.

ST MARTINS stay in the promotion hunt after crushing AMORY PARK RANGERS, 6-1.

Liam Scholfield and Jack Tweedie both scored twice for MORGARD BISHOP, 5-0 winners at NEWTOWN, and Matt Blakene bagged a brace for BOW AAC, who proved too good for WESTEXE, where they won 5-2.

FLUXTON's hopes of winning Division Five took a backward step as they slipped up, 3-2 at HATHERLEIGH.

That was also a bonus for HONITON TOWN, who won 5-1 against UPLAWN MAN ATHLETIC on Friday evening.

KENTISBEARE are suddenly the new favourites to win Division Six after they defeated EXWICK VILLAGE, 3-0, while OTTERY ST MARY suffered a shock 2-0 defeat at ALPHINGTON.

WINCHESTER extended their lead in Division Seven with a 7-3 victory over TIVVY PARK RANGERS, while SOUTH ZEAL went down 2-1 at CENTRAL IN Exeter, whose Darren Lampit and Nick Horne scored.

However WHIPTON and PINHOE are back in the running following their 6-2 win at HEMYOCK.

CULM UNITED won 7-0 at TED-BURN ST MARY to keep top spot on goal difference from WELLINGTON TOWN, who beat BAMPON 3-1.

RESULTS

Premier

Bow AAC 4, Heavitree United 0.

Elmore 2, Thorverton 0.

Feniton 4, Budleigh Salterton 1.

Newton 4, Chard Town 2.

Tiverton 1, Sidbury United 1.

Topsham 0, Hatherleigh Tn 1.

Willand Rovers 2, Beer Albion 1.

Hatherleigh 2, Alphington 1.

Clyst Valley 3, Exwick Villa 1.

Ampton Amateurs 3, Lympstone 1.

Heavitree 2, Westex Rovers 0.

Honiton 4, Newton St Cyres 0.

Division Two

Crediton 0, Upottery 3.

Culm United 5, Newton Poppleford 2.

Dawlish United 1, Hemyock 0.

Halwill 3, Tipton St John 0.

Sidmouth Town 4, Newton 0.

Willand Rovers 2, Bow ACC 5.

Division Three

Chagford 0, Lympne Regis 3.

Cheriton 9, Exmouth Amateurs 0.

Tedburn St Mary 4, Axmouth Utd 1.

Thorverton 3, Axminster Town 1.

Woodbury 0, Henry's Cronies 3.

Division Four

Bickleigh 2, Alphington 1.

Clyst Valley 3, Exwick Villa 1.

Ampton Amateurs 3, Lympstone 1.

Heavitree 2, Westex Rovers 0.

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Willand Rovers 2, Bow ACC 5.

Division Six

Alphington 2, Ottery St Mary 0.

Beer Albion 0, Silverton 1.

Kentisbeare 3, Exwick Village 0.

Langdon 0, Railway Club 4.

Seaton Town 2, Dunkeswell Rov 0.

Division Seven

Amory Green Rovers 1, Elmore 12.

Central 2, South Zeal United 1.

Hemyock 2, Whipton & Pinhoe 6.

Lympstone 0, Alphington 2.

Offwell Rangers 6, Cheriton Fitz 1.

Pinhoe 3, Chagford 2.

Winchester 7, Tivvy Park Rangers 3.

Division Eight

Colyton 1, Sandford 0.

Feniton 3, Bickleigh 2.

Open Space Inter 6, Sidmouth Tn 1.

Ottery St Mary 1, Lapford 2.

Tedburn 0, Culm United 7.

Wellington Town 3, Bampton 1.

FIXTURES

Premier

Chard Town v Sidbury United.

Elmore v Topsham Town.

Fernhill & Pinhoe v Tivvy Park.

Seaton Town v Exmouth Ams.

Wellington Town v Hove United.

Wimborne & Budleigh Salterton v Exwick Villa.

bowls round-up

Open day at Dunkeswell

DUNKESWELL Bowling Club are holding an open day on **Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th** from 1.30 to 4.30pm in the Throgmorton Hall.

The club's coaches will be on hand to offer help and advice to prospective new members, or bowlers who feel they would like a change from grass to synthetic surface.

All that is required to bring is a flat pair of shoes or slippers. A selection of bowls will be available to practice with and possibly buy. Refreshments will also be available.

For any further details contact DBC Captain Tom Williams on 01404891799.

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter

SINCE my last report both Chard teams have played away at HEMYOCK in the East Devon Short Mat League with varying degrees of success.

The floor contours at Hemyock make this another challenging venue for away teams. Chard A just couldn't adjust and lost all eight games and by a huge margin of 16 points to 101.

Chard B did better. They still lost by two games to six but the points difference was rather more respectable at 36 to 64.

Chard A played their final match in the East Devon League at home against Chard St Nicholas. They really wanted a win as so far this season they have only managed draws. Sadly it was not to be. They fought hard and managed a very close 4-4 draw.

The points were equally close with Chard A just missing out by 54-55.

Open day

If you are at a lose end on Sunday you may like to try your hand at bowls. Chard are having their annual open day where you can pop in and try either Lawn Green or Short Mat Bowls - or maybe even both.

All you need are flat shoes, bowls will be available. The event kicks off at 10am and continues until 4pm with drinks and snacks available (bar open).

Please do come and see us at Bonds Meadow and find out what a fascinating game this can be.

cribbage round-up

HONITON

Knock Out Cup Semi-Final - April 9th

Blacksmith Arms 3 London Inn 5, Workmgmens

B 3 Feniton Soc B 5.

Fixtures: Knock Out Cup Semi-Final April 16th

Feniton Soc B v Workmgmens B, London Inn v Blacksmith Arms.

Dan Down Trophy

Quarter-Final April 9th

Feniton Soc A 10 Thirsty Farmer 14, New Fountain

11 Workmgmens A 13, Vine Inn A 9 Honiton Inn B 15, Vine Inn B 16 Honiton Inn A 8.

Fixtures: Dan Down Trophy Semi-Final April 16th Honiton Inn B v Workmgmens A, Thirsty Farmer v Vine Inn B.

Doubles Competition

April 23rd At London Inn, Ottery St Mary 7.30 pm start please.

darts round-up

Axminster Summer League

AGM - Thursday, April 23rd at 8pm at Axminster Conservative Club

Anyone wishing to enter a team, stand as an officer of the league, or propose a rule change should attend the meet-

ing. If you wish to enter a team but cannot attend the meeting you can enter before the meeting via the league website on www.axminstersummer.lagueurepublic.com or Call Esther on 07821007398 or Email at ebulmer@hotmail.co.uk

Entries for the league cannot be accepted after the meeting.

canoeing axe vale

AXE Vale Canoe Club Seaton Are Running three 'Go Canoeing' taster sessions, the sessions are for young people and adults interested in trying out canoeing.

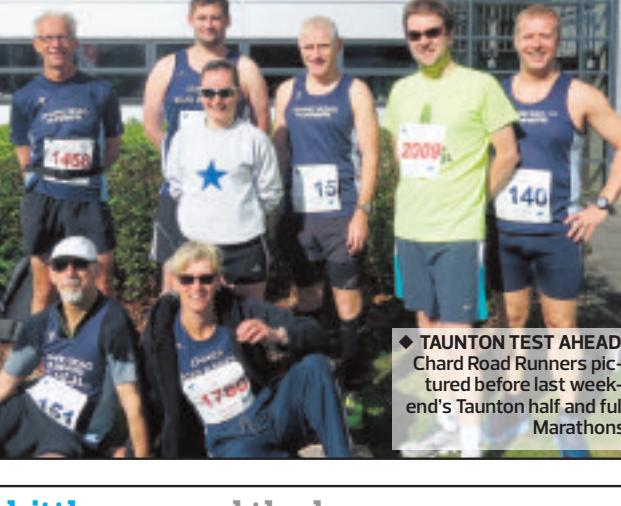
All participants must be able to swim 50 mtrs. Minimum age is 11 years old - why not come along and have a go!

Dates for sessions are; Friday (April 17th), Thursday, April 30th and Thursday, May 14th.

Please phone Chris Robins on 07501973648 for more information and also there is an information leaflet on Axe Vale Canoe Club's web site www.axevalecc.co.uk



◆ PLEASED TO HELP: Merriott SMBC hosted a friendly against South Petherton on April 8th. It proved to be an enjoyable but strongly competitive match with Merriott using home advantage to win by 3 games to 1. A raffle was held with all proceeds being donated to RNLI. A collection was also taken on the night and Frank Smith (right) from Merriott SMBC presented a cheque for £90 to Martin Newbury from RNLI.



◆ TAUNTON TEST AHEAD: Chard Road Runners pictured before last weekend's Taunton half and full Marathons

skittles around the leagues

COLYTON LEAGUE

KO Cup Final result, Red

Lion A 394 (C Miller 57)

Ship C 270 (R Gush 54);

The Tony Hawkins Memorial Knocked-Out Cup final result, Three Tuns Hammers 390 (B Spiller 76) Beer Vikings 352 (A Parkhouse 64);

Mike Hussey Memorial Pairs, Qualifying rounds, (top 2 to final on 1st May at Honiton Conservative club 8.00pm).

Heathfield Group, Sidbury Stones 96 (John Woodfield & Paul Barham), Colcombe A 114 (Rodney Parsons & Brian Pike), Cloakham B 106, Cloakham C 99, Tuckers Arms B 98, Gerrard B 97, Tuckers Arms C 93, Awliscombe Harts 90, Tuckers Arms A 86, Gerrard A 83; Cloakham Group, New Inn A 101 (Gary Smith & Richard Webb), Red Lion A 90 (Clive Garner & Chris Miller) after throw-off 16 to 14 against New Inn B 90 (Dean Hodder & Norman Cooke), Lamb A 89, Offwell A 77, Lamb B 77, Axminster Con A 75, Red Lion Cavaliers 73, Offwell Rejects 69), Old Inn Kings 66;

Beer Club Group, Kingfisher A 88 (Rob Collier & Adrian Bishop), Seaton Bowls Club 81 (Ann Wright & Barbara Thompson) after throw-off 14 to 8 against Ship C 81 (Merv Joslin & Bernie Webber),

Winstons A 80, Beer B 79,

Beer A 77, Seaton AFC A

76, Ship B 72;

White Hart Group, Colcombe Beerboys 93 (Justin

Adkin & Simon Bartlett), Beer Albion 90 (Ginger Williams & Colin Hales), Kings Arms A 87, Beer C 84, Cloakham Wanderers 83, Colcombe B 83, Wheelwright A 83, Seaton AFC B 81, Beer Vikings 81;

Offwell club Group, Kingfisher B 114 (Ben Dowell & Andy Hurford), Colcombe A 114 (Rodney Parsons & Brian Pike), Cloakham B 106, Cloakham C 99, Tuckers Arms B 98, Gerrard B 97, Tuckers Arms C 93, Awliscombe Harts 90, Tuckers Arms A 86, Gerrard A 83;

Cloakham Group, New Inn B 101 (Gary Smith & Richard Webb), Red Lion A 90 (Clive Garner & Chris Miller) after throw-off 16 to 14 against New Inn B 90 (Dean Hodder & Norman Cooke), Lamb A 89, Offwell A 77, Lamb B 77, Axminster Con A 75, Red Lion Cavaliers 73, Offwell Rejects 69), Old Inn Kings 66;

Beer Club Group, Kingfisher A 88 (Rob Collier & Adrian Bishop), Seaton Bowls Club 81 (Ann Wright & Barbara Thompson) after throw-off 14 to 8 against Ship C 81 (Merv Joslin & Bernie Webber),

Division Three

Pld Pts

Colcombe Beerboys 21 32

Beer Vikings 21 25

Beer Albion 22 25

Offwell A 21 24

Beer sc A 22 23

Sidbury SC A 21 22

Colcombe B 21 21

Three Tuns Hammers 21 20

Awliscombe Harts 21 19

White Hart B 21 18

Cloakham C 21 16

Volunteer B 21 15

Sidbury Lions 22 15

Division Four

Pld Pts

Honiton Con BTP 20 32

Tuckers Arms A 20 26

Honiton Con Artists 20 23

Kingfisher A 20 22

New Inn B 20 22

Tuckers Arms C 20 17

Honiton Con A 19 16

Rising Sun A 19 15

Rising Sun B 19 15

Axe Inn A 19 14

Kings Arms A 19 14

Seaton AFC B 19 14

Division Five

Pld Pts

Honiton Con B 21 32

Hon WMC B 21 32

Seaton Bowling 21 29

Winstons A 21 28

Heathfield A 21 25

Offwell Rejects 21 24

White Hart A 22 21

Kingfisher B 22 20

Old Inn Kings 22 19

Ship B Shipmunks 21 18

PJS B 21 14

Heathfield B 21 10

Beer sc C 21 4

Division Two

Pld Pts

Cloakham B 23 34

Gerrard A 23 32

Axe Con A 23 31

Vine B 23 28

Red Lion Cavs 23 25

New Inn A 23 24

Honiton Con D 23 22

Lamb A 23 22

Hon WMC A 23 20

Colyton Club A 23 19

Lamb B 23 18

Colcombe A 23 17

Honiton Converts 23 16

Red Lion A 23 14

Division One

Pld Pts

Cloakham B 23 34

Gerrard A 23 32

Axe Con A 23 31

Vine B 23 28

Eagle Tavern 21 22

Volunteer A 21 20

Gerrard B 21 19

Cloakham Wanderers 21 18

Wheelwright A 21 14

Winstons B 21 12

Mounbatten Whites 21 11

Local swimmers in fine form at Millfield School

C HARD & District Swimming Club have over 40 county qualifiers this year taking part in the Somerset County Championships being held at Millfield School over four weekends. Chard swimmers make their mark, with no less than 75 top eight positions and 135 personal best times achieved.

Twelve year old Jamie Porter achieved the club's Silver speed badge by swimming 50m freestyle in under 36 seconds for the first time, and one swimmer achieved the Gold speed badge by swimming 50m freestyle in under 27 seconds - sixteen year old Iain Ross.

Medal positions were achieved by six swimmers: Tessa Down 18, 3rd 50m breaststroke, 2nd 200m breaststroke, Henry Taswell 14, 1st 1500m freestyle, 2nd 200m butterfly, 3rd in 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly, and for March: shared girls Hope Horsfield 16, for 50m freestyle Millie Downes 11 for 200m breaststroke, and Simon Davis 14, for 50m

breaststroke.

Despite more difficult qualification times for the older swimmers this year, partly due to a change in rules to age at the end of the year instead of date of competition, for the first time qualification in all events was open to younger age group swimmers.

Regional times

Fifty five new SW regional qualifying or consideration times were achieved

snooker seaton league

GEORGE Trevett Mini-League update;

League Table

Pld Pts

Colyton Fed 4 29

Hon Wonders 4 19

Colyton Excons 4 18

Colyton TC 4 17

Chard IZZA 147 4 15

Chard Casuals 3 12

Honiton WMC 4 5

Sidmouth Allsorts 3 1

CREWKERNE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	21	192
Coachmen	22	175
Super Sixix	22	171
Head Hunters	22	162
Stray Cats	22	139
Football Club	21	136
King Willy Dogs	22	126
Maynards	22	30
Gulls & Gals	23	28
Bashers	22	26
Alley Cats	22	20
Brooksiders	22	20
Bakers 8	20	18
Cee Dee's	23	16
Tale Nibs	16	14
Goldtops	20	14
Yetties	21	12
New Inn	23	11

Division Three

Pld Pts

Rovers Bees 20 151

Loud n Proud 20 144

Chis Colts 20 140

Acorns 20 134

Fryers 20 133

Rug Rats 20 114

Skimmers 20 112

Concorde 20 104

Merriott Fixers 20 97

Fudders 20 88

Muppets 20 79

Talbot Arms 21 21

Four Play 21 21

Royal Standard 21 16

Hunters Lodge 21 14

Cobb Arms 21 12

George 21 26

Half an Octopus 21 0

180s: Terry Prowse x11,

Mark Barnett x6, Wayne

Doble x5, R.Cross x4, Chris

Higgs, Mark Doherty, Tom

Bond & Matt Brotherton x2,

eight x1.

ILMISTER

Nomination semi finals

Crown Crusaders 284

(S.Paul 53) Cricketers 223

A.Grey 37, Rockys Rollers 258

(B.Welch 49) Flying

Turkeys 302 (M.Brown 49).

◆ The Final is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th

8.45pm start at the Wyndham Arms - all welcome.

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One

Pld Pts

Marvels 26 38

short-mat bowls axe valley

Evening Div 1	P	SD	Pts	Awlcombe	.....10	95	12
Awlcombe	.....13	344	20	Upottery	.....11	88	12
Beer	.....13	141	16	Seaton Cliff B	.....11	132	8
Sidbury	.....13	10	13	Sidford	.....10	144	8
Seaton Cliff	.....13	120	13	Seaton Cliff D	.....12	270	6
Colyton	.....13	65	12				
Upottery	.....13	74	11				
Musbury	.....12	60	10				
Sidford	.....12	306	7				
Evening Div 2	P	SD	Pts	Afternoon Div 2	P	SD	Pts
West Hill	.....13	204	22	St Teresa's	.....11	199	15
Ottery St Mary	.....13	60	14	Hemyock	.....11	179	13
Sidbury Whites	.....13	103	13	Chard B	.....11	146	13
Membray	.....13	108	13	Lyme Regis	.....11	53	12
Sidbury Reds	.....13	23	11	Musbury	.....11	47	11
Awlcombe B	.....13	37	11	Combe St Nich A	.....10	186	6
Uffculme	.....13	88	10	Seaton Cliff A	.....11	238	6
Colyton B	.....13	111	10				
Afternoon Div 1	P	SD	Pts	Afternoon Div 3	P	SD	Pts
Beer	.....11	237	15	Hemyock B	.....9	184	13
Colyton	.....11	126	15	Ottery St Mary	.....9	172	13
				Colyton B	.....9	15	9
				Seaton Cliff C	.....9	4	9
				Combe St Nic B	.....9	76	8
				Chard A	.....9	291	2

youth football round-up**MILLWEY RISE****Under 9s Exeter & District Youth League**

Millwey Rise 2 (Kayla Froom & Louis Newcombe) Cullompton Rangers 1.

Friends

Millwey Rise 4 (Callum Clark 2, Owen Dibling & Louis Newcombe) Cullompton Rangers 2.

Under 10s Friendlies

Millwey Rise 8 (Ben Fox 2, Jacob England 2, Ethan Underhill 2, Nathaniel Giles-Jones & Dylan Larcombe) Tiverton Town 0.

Millwey Rise 8 (Dylan Bebbington 2, Ben Fox 2, Ethan Underhill 2, Jacob England & Nathaniel Giles-Jones) Colyton Rebels 0.

golf axe cliff**Battling performances**

DURING the last week the Axe Seniors programme of friendly matches began in earnest with home matches against Long Sutton and Cricket St Thomas writes Rob Grove.

The results were close with the Long Sutton game, in particular, being decided on which team coped best with the last two holes. An honourable draw was probably a fair result at the end of the day.

There were wins for Rob Grove & Leighton Morgan and Chris Jowett & Peter Knighting. Two pairs, Gilbert Cox & Bill Polley and Gerry Turner & Jack Bannister each achieved a half.

The match against Cricket St Thomas went even better as the Axe Cliff team recorded their first victory of the year by 3 1/2 to 2 1/2.

There were good wins by the Captain for the day Chris Walker and his partner John Hanna, Phil Wilkins & Pete Motson and Malcolm Reynolds & Gilbert Cox. Alan Vincent & John Mant gained the 1/2 point.

In their first round Emerton Court Match against Downes Crediton the Seniors achieved a commendable draw with 2/12 matches each.

So it all to play for in the return leg at the end of the month. There were wins for Tony Strong & Stuart Mackie and Geoff Wake & Chris Jowett. The half was achieved by Phil Wilkins & Rob Heard.

The whole club celebrated Easter Monday with a 3 Ball Team Stableford competition organised by the Social Committee.

Eggciting competition!

With a host of prizes in the form of Easter Eggs and members allowed to play off their full handicap in whichever combination of players they wished, it was going to prove a closely contested competition.

There were a variety of scores with the outstanding 82 points by Glenda Board, Bill Polley and Mike Cottam just being eclipsed by the 84 of Simon Wellington, Steve Bond and Jin Hong.

The Ladies recently played their County Prize 3 competition with Jo Domnall beating Barbara Cummings into first place and Janet Dack coming third.

The 'Bring and Win' competition in which everyone has a prize saw Pauline Willis outstrip the rest of the field with Glenda Board beating Margaret Kenchington into second position.

The Men's Easter Bowl was won by Dougy Board with a net 66. In second place on countback was Anthony Hellier from Mike Cottam.

There were five 2s, with Mike and Dougy picking up two each and Jason Farrant the other.

rugby news**Dramatic tie at Honiton - Chard in points fest!****OLD CENTRALIANS 64 CHARD 41**

National League Three (south west)

by Glyn Hughes

WHAT a game! Centralians, who are one of the strongest teams in the league, were under the cosh for most of the first half in this crazy game and afterwards described Chard as having 'as good a set of forwards as they have faced over the whole campaign'.

Not for the first time this was a contest between the Chard pack and the opposition backs.

A tactical switch at half time resulted in Centralians keeping the ball as far away from the Chard forwards as possible paid off handsomely for the home side as they turned a half time deficit of 21-36 into a 64-41 win to end their home programme having lost only one match on their own turf.

Chard went in front after five minutes when player-coach Simon Jenkins drove over from a lineout for an unconverted try.

However, the home backs looked dangerous and by the time 15 minutes were up they had scored two converted tries to lead 14-5.

Chard were then awarded a penalty and, having successfully kicked to the corner, they destroyed the Centralians lineout defence and Gab Riley went over for a converted try.

Back came the hosts, and another fine backs movement cut through the Chard defence for a third converted try.

Skipper Mark Parsons, once again leading by example, got a third try for Chard to reduce the arrears to two points.

They then totally dominated the last ten minutes before the interval with initially Ben Johnson and Ryan Hellier setting up Paul Mortensen for their fourth try.

This was soon followed by prop Luke Aplin scoring try number five and, right on the half time whistle, Aplin drove over for the number six for Chard who, against all

the odds deservedly led the hosts by 21-36 at the break.

This was clearly not in the script for Centralians who changed their method of play entirely in the second half.

They played 15-man attacking rugby with everybody throwing the ball out as wide as possible.

In effect they did everything possible to avoid any forward confrontation of any kind because they had been outplayed in scrum, lineout and in the loose.

The tactics worked to perfection and with Chard also missing touch on several occasions which gifted the ball back to them Centralians looked a completely different outfit and scored seven tries in the second half.

Jenkins got another try for Chard which took them over the 40-point mark but injuries to the likes of Johnson, Nick Hyslop, Riley and Jason Wright hindered Chard and the home side showed exactly why they are where they are.

Chard once again could not be criticised for effort and commitment and contributed massively to a highly entertaining game.

There can be few if any occasions when Chard have scored seven tries and over 40 points and ended up with nothing other than just a bonus point for the number of tries scored!

Chard play their final league match of the season in National Three next Saturday when they entertain Cheltenham-based Patesians in a game that supporters should please note will start at 2pm and not 3pm.

There is a former players lunch prior to the game meeting at the club by 12.30pm with lunch at 1pm - any one who has not done so should contact Mike Berry on 07855464412 or Glyn Hughes on 0747191074 to confirm their place.

Chard 2nd XV lost 18-27 at home to Bristol Barbarians 1st XV on Saturday and play

their final Somerset Division One game at Keynsham next weekend.

The scheduled 3rd XV game at Crewkerne was called off the hosts on Friday evening.

HONITON 22 WITHYCOMBE 22

Tribute Cornwall / Devon

by Roger Dance

ON Saturday Honiton played their penultimate game of the season and with the visit of near neighbours Withycombe.

The visitors had had a very successful campaign this season but might be forgiven for being a little 'miffed' as they narrowly missed out on promotion and got knocked out of the national cup last week at the semi-final stage.

So without doubt on paper they were the clear favorites as it was 3rd place playing 10th and with nothing really at stake it could have been a non-event, but pride is a big motivator and in front of a healthy crowd this turned out to be an entertaining game.

Honiton kicked off up the Allhallows slope but did have first use of a keen wind. They had the lions share of possession in the early encounters and on the ten minute mark prop Will Goulden finished off a good set of phases with to crash over the line and Ben Webber added the extras.

The visitors' successful season is not without reason and they bounced back with a well taken try and then scored again out wide.

Honiton held strong with some good defensive patterns and weathered the storm using the wind well. Webber slotted two penalties and Honiton turned round 13-12 to the good.

The game continued in the same tempo after the break but with use of the wind Withycombe kicked for position well and scored another converted try and were in the driving seat.

Honiton did however have a clear advan-

tage in the scrum and this told as it helped them with a good supply of possession.

But it wasn't all plain sailing as the visitors seemed to get help out by the referee who kept penalising Honiton's front row and relieving the pressure. But the dark art of front row play is a mystery to most so decisions were just accepted.

Both sides then exchanged penalties and Withycombe led 22-15. Honiton continued to apply pressure and went close on several occasions. The visitors case was also not helped when a red card was shown for a second tip tackle offence with 10 minutes to go.

Webber clearly had his kicking boots on as he knocked over another penalty against the wind but, just when it was felt the endeavour had all been in vain, he stepped up and knocked over another kick and the scores were level.

Missed late kick

With two minutes to play Honiton won the kick off and immediately made head-roads to the half way line before, to the dismay of the crowd, conceding a penalty. But this drifted narrowly wide and honours were shared at 22-22.

Maybe for Withycombe it was a case of a 'After the Lord Mayors show' sort of game as they didn't fire on all cylinders, but for Honiton it was a good team performance against stiff opposition and the team dug deep to gain a share of the spoils.

The pack did well, especially the front row crews. There were some big defensive plays by all the Lacemen - typified by Josh Rice's bone-crunching dead stopping of the winger which really made the crowd

Next Saturday is Honiton's final game as they entertain basement team Looe & Liskeard. It's sure to be a good day as skipper Nick Gilbert lets go of the reigns after a three year stint at the helm - I'm sure he'd love to see a big crowd send him off in style!

running news**Iconic Grizzly Run goes from strength to strength****AXE VALLEY RUNNERS**

with Dave Mutter

ONCE a month in deep in darkest Umberore seven furtive figures gathered plotting and planning the Grizzly for nearly five hours each time.

All this work paid off handsomely with the Grizzly once again a fantastic success with nearly 2,000 runners and families having a great time.

The Grizzly could not be put on without the co-operation of 22 marshal groups supplying over 200 marshals and nine water station groups plus coastguards, firemen, scouts, landowners, massage and many more.

As a result of the run once again AVR were able to donate a massive £32,000 to two main charities and all the supporting groups, with the two main charities this year - Devon Freewheelers (a new blood bike is to be based in Seaton) and The South West Coast Path Association receiving £2,000 each.

The donations were presented in a well-attended evening at Winston's, Seaton last Friday and as each donation was presented, the audience learnt about the many diverse charities that the Grizzly supports - from Gardens to Village Halls, running clubs and football clubs, MS Society to Children's Hospice and Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust.

Since 1997 the amount AVR has donated to charities various as the result of the Grizzly is now a staggering £337,000.

Throughout its history many people have served on the committee so many thanks to this year's group of Dave Thomas - race director, Debbie Barry, Phil Bayliss, Mark Hilder, Tim Sibley and Rick and Eleanor Wood, with help from a few more AVR's.

Unfortunately Mark will not be able to carry on and he was presented with an award for all his hard work over the past years. Thanks also go to Winston's for allowing us to take over their function room for the evening.



◆ **THANK YOU:** Local organisations with their cheques from this year's Grizzly run which raised a total of £32,000.

In a couple of months those meetings will start again and AVR will be as dependent as ever on the help and goodwill of all the local folk for next year's event that will be on **Sunday, March 13th**.

HONITON with Judy Davey

LAST Sunday, Honiton runners took to the task of running the Taunton Half Marathon - an interesting route that started and finished at the Taunton College.

The route went through the heart of the city with lots of people lining the streets and shouting support, then out along country lanes, through small picturesque villages before returning along the main Wellington road into Taunton with a cheeky little hill to climb at mile 11-12.

Plenty of drink stations along the route, as well as wet sponges, helped runners to keep cool in the very warm conditions.

Shane Hudd, making his debut in the race finished in 1 hour 53 minutes.

Once again Tony Peek's Achilles heel played up from mile six which made the uphill running very painful. He also stopped at mile 11 to give first aid to a fellow runner so Tony did well to finish in 1:58.

With Klara Bodfish using this run as a training run for the London Marathon in a couple of weeks, she was looking to come in under 2:20 and achieved this finishing in 2:18.

Stephen Boyes travelled to tackle a full marathon taking a plane to Paris.

Stephen had a great run reporting it was the best marathon he had run in a long time. He recorded his heart rate throughout and managed to stick within his set limits. He was given a chip time of 3:38.

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

SIX CRR's hit Foreign shores for the 2015 Marathon de Paris on Sunday, getting to Paris was the first challenge with the French Air Strike causing a few issues!

Heading the Pack in hot sunny conditions was Addie Douglass who pipped running buddy Andy Mear to the line.

Marie Wadey followed over the packed line minutes later, cutting a dash for the line.

Anna Drew and Paul Fraser hit the time on the nail with not even a second between them great team work and Photos aplenty, following over the line was Chris Wadey rounding off his week with the

26.2 miles adding to the 50 miles from last weekend a total of 76.2 racing miles!

Eleven CRR's took a less challenging journey to the local Taunton Half and Full Marathon.

The changing conditions meant overheating and changeable winds kept runners thinking.

Making their mark after last weekend's pre-London training was Neil Plumridge and Stevie Potter with Neil Securing 1st in age group and Stevie a PB for the half distance.

Helen Baxter was next across the line having had a fantastic run, Matt Baker arrived at the line to round off a brilliant week of PB's in a 5k, 10k then today's Half Marathon.

Following in Matt's footsteps was Anna Smith who found the going to be good until picking up an injury which she fought to the end.

Emma Male made a return to CRR's with a sterling performance. Kirsti Ball was only a few minutes off Emma's pace and also demonstrated some excellent running. Keeping up her excellent year Chris Chant pushed to the end to provide great encouragement for others with her commitment to the line.

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◆ THAT'S MINE: Callum Garrett (amber shirt) wins a midfield tussle in Axminster Town's 2-0 win over Crediton at Ottery St Mary on Saturday.

Photo by ANDREW GRAHAM



◆ CLEARED: Axmouth United skipper Jacob Hayes (blue shirt) challenges Lyme Regis keeper Lee Cleal with support from Mike Challis (right) in last Wednesday's Devon & Exeter League Division Three clash at the Davey Fort. The delighted Axes put in a spirited performance before going down 4-0.

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